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The Golden Dawn announces a liquidation sale in light of manager Brian Soltis' decision to close down after ten years of business. Four other town businesses are following suit this winter.

Out of business

Five local traditions close their doors for the last time

By Sandy Edmiston
Staff Writer

In a town like New Wilmington, where change often comes slowly and gradually, one does not expect five businesses to close down within a month of each other.

Students returning from winter break may have been surprised to notice that the building that once housed Miller's Variety Store now holds nothing but an empty window and Golden Dawn bears a sign announcing a 30 percent off liquidation. Looking closer, students may have been even more startled to notice that the Vine Street Café is permanently shutting its doors and that the Shortstop Inn is for sale. Those who will remember an article from a fall edition of the Holcad announcing the sale of the Tavern will most likely think that New Wilmington has encountered unspoken economic troubles, and that town favorites like Mugsies and Pizza Joe's will soon follow suit.

Don't predict tumbleweeds and empty streets, however, because the reasons for so many changes are not necessarily economic.

Jim Miller, the former owner of Miller's Variety Store chose to the close the store because he had been with the business for 48 years.

"My lease was up and I wanted to retire," Miller explained. "It was just time for me to retire and I took the opportunity."

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Labs to charge for excess printing

By Bryan Peck
Staff Writer

Students will have to start thinking twice before printing out copies of their 50-page capstone papers or organizational fliers, because the computer labs on campus are getting new programs that will eventually lead to the end of free paper and printing.

The software is still in the testing phase so no students will be billed this semester for going over their limit. However, beginning in Fall 2005, students will only be allowed to have 325 pages for free. If a student goes over the amount allotted to them, they will be charged ten cents for every page over their limit up to $150.

The computer science department has been talking about putting a limit on the number of pages one can print in the lab for several years. Paul Wallace, the director of information systems believes that the new system for limiting printing will make sharing the cost of paper more fair everyone.

"We had the software on the computers last semester as well, although all they did was monitor how who was printing what," Wallace said. "Normally no one goes over the average of 325, but there were a few people who printed way over the limit. The highest number one student printed was approximately 2600 pages."

The studies from last semester show that most of the students on campus (70 percent) never went over the average of 325 pages. However, the 30 percent that did account for 73 percent of all the pages printed. Since the money for paper in the computer labs comes from students, Wallace believes it would not be fair to have everyone pay for a small group who are responsible for the most paper.

The idea of paying for printing is creating mixed ideas among students on campus. While the point of the new program is to make things more

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Photo by Willis Bretz

Hitting the slopes

A Wilmington Area High School student catches a jump on his intertube while sled riding in front of Russell this weekend. The hill serves as a favorite spot for teenagers and college students alike seeking adventure during the winter season.

Roommates return to quarantined Browne room

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer

"It looked like a jungle. It was hot; I'd say it was about ninety degrees and felt like a sauna, a moldy one. In fact, it was literally 'raining' down inside when Dean [Neal] Edman and I pushed the door open. When I turned around to look at him, his glasses looked all smeary; they'd actually fogged up," said Associate Dean of Student Affairs Molly Mistretta.

Although it sounds like she and Edman returned from an exotic trip to the Costa Rica rainforests this holiday season, this was actually a trip to the ground floor of Browne a few days before the start of a new semester.

The maintenance crew found sophomore Amanda McFadden and junior Megan Hoagland's room over break damaged to the point where it was "instantaneously decided that this room would not be used," said Mistretta.

After more than three weeks of no one entering their room, a janitor passing the girl's room got a whiff of an obnoxious scent permeating out into the hall. Luckily, the janitor made the necessary call to unlock the girl's door, and once doing so, the janitor was greeted by a room covered in a soot of unsanitary mold.

"What we think has happened is that there was a steam build up in one of the radiators. There was a leak in a pipe, which I would suggest is like running your shower at full speed 'hot' for about a week. So, if it builds up over that amount of time, what appears to have happened is there was a lot of condensation and moisture-a warm temperature-and that gives the room a perfect breeding ground for mold," said Mistretta.

"It was nothing that the girls had done, in fact, the problem had been reported before-but when physical plant came-the problem had disappeared. This is just a problem of having old heating systems. If it hadn't been for that long a period, the problem would have been minimized," added Mistretta.

Director of Physical Plant Owen Wagner further explains that it was by no fault of the two roommates, but the problem had to do with the three weeks of lacking ventilation-thus creating the spread of mold spores. "It only takes 48 hours for mold to start growing," said Wagner. "Mold is an interesting issue. That's why it's extremely important for residences and staff to let us know when they see it," said Wagner. "There is very little regulation (on mold) and everyone presupposes that all mold is bad. I don't pretend to be a scientist-and I've never been effected by much mold- but when I walked into that room, I sneezed."

Wagner believes that the problem has been contained and during spring break, the room and ceiling will be gutted to renovate the room for use next fall. For now, the college is awaiting results from mold samples to see if mold found in that room exhibit properties of a conventional or dangerous

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Photo by Johnny Johnston

Sophomore roommates returned to a room that had been destroyed by mold during break.

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Opinion

Rant & Rave

How do you keep an idiot in suspense?

Asbestos is awesome.

Couples, couples everywhere! No more PDA!

I braved the cold to see The Grudge, but Shall We Dance was playing. What's up with that?

If seperate is not equal, why do smokers always have to smoke outside?

What is love? Baby, don't hurt me, don't hurt me no more.

Double pinochle!

There is no pencil at the rant and rave box.

Make like footware and shoo!

Cut the hair man, just cut the hair.

Oh, the places you'll go.

British pounds weigh too much.

Now is my add/drop card okay?

There's a joke here somewhere, and it's on me.

Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink.

Soul mates only exist in the Hallmark aisle of the drug store.

Starfish and coffee, maple syrup and jam.
If you set your mind free, baby, maybe you'll understand

What I learned over winter break: there is such a thing as too much TV.

I sometimes find that you and I collide.

Cheshire cat doorstop

Note to self - stop it!

Okay, I'm tired of the snow.

Why do birds suddenly appear, every time you are near?

Don't be a hater.

Inconceivable!

Is this where the sidewalk ends?

I'm not ready to be a grown up yet.

Where's my umbrella?

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Why the Steelers are the real AFC champs

Megan Roethlisberger
Editor-in-Chief

Reasons why the Pittsburgh Steelers are still the greatest team in the NFL and why I would marry every single one of them right now:

1. When Hines cries, Pittsburgh cries.

When asked about his feelings on the Steelers' tragic loss on Sunday night, tears rolled down Hines Ward's cheeks. And it was not because he was angry at the Patriots or because he was upset that he did not win. It was because he was heartbroken that his hero, Jerome Bettis, will not be able to play in the Super Bowl during what may be the last season of his career.

"I wanted to win more for him than anything because he deserves to be a champion," Ward sobbed.

There wasn't a dry eye in the locker room or anywhere in Pittsburgh as fans watched their favorite wide receiver's famous smile turn to tears while he poured his heart out about his close friend and mentor. It is this kind of compassion that sets Pittsburgh apart from other teams in the NFL. The Steelers don't play the game for themselves, they play the game for each other, and that is why the team led a record-breaking season and that is why they are the true champions of the AFC.

2. Bill Cowher should be President of the United States

If Bill Cowher can lead the Steelers in a 16-2 record-breaking season, imagine what he could do for our country. You don't secure five home field advantages in ten years without a strong grasp on what it takes to be a good leader. And you do not earn the reputation of the longest tenured coach with one team in the NFL without a deep sense of loyalty to your nation, or in Cowher's case, his Steelers nation.

And think about the cabinet he would produce! After all, we do have one of the top defensive lines in the NFL. I, for one, would feel much safer if Joey Porter was in charge of Homeland Security instead of Condoleezza Rice. The man was shot in the leg and still came through as one of the team's top sackers! Or Troy Polumalu. Not only is he our best special-teams tackler, he has sweet hair too. If Bush defended our country like the Steelers defend our endzone, no one could touch us. (Excluding last Sunday's game, of course. "Here terrorists, do you want to take over for awhile? We don't feel like playing anymore.")

3. The name Roethlisberger has a nice ring to it

Who wouldn't marry Ben Roethlisberger? He's won more consecutive games than any other rookie quarterback in history, and more importantly, he's ridiculously hot!

It's hard to believe that Ben has been on this earth for the same 22 years as me, and here I sit writing Holcad articles while he's playing in AFC Championship games. I cannot imagine the pressure he felt walking onto Heinz Field on Sunday night. While his performance against the Patriots was certainly disappointing, after the season he led, his career has nowhere to go but up. He has already been compared to NFL greats like Jim Kelly and John Elway, and now that Ben has had his first taste of the playoffs, he will only improve with experience.

4. You can take away our starters, but you can't take away our game

Though Big Ben may have been manning the wheel this season, it has not been a one-man Roethlisberger show. The team is strong on all levels, and that was evident during our final regular season game, when the Steelers came together in a victory over the Bills without the majority of its starting players. It was proof that the Steelers are more than a handful of pretty faces on the front line, which is a true testament to the depth of our team.

5. Two words: The Bus

No other player represents the charisma of the Steelers like Jerome Bettis. The beastly running back with a gentle heart, known for his ability of driving through offensive lines,

If I have to watch his Crest whitening smile and stupid mullet hair win one more Super Bowl, I'm going to strangle Tom Brady with my Terrible Towel.

is without a doubt the soul of the Pittsburgh Steelers. He brings a magnetism to the field that his fellow teammates thrive off of and he serves as a role model and inspiration to his team and fans.

The Steelers will not be the same if Bettis retires from the NFL, but his legend will inspire future generations of Steelers. And the next time the black and gold go to the Super Bowl, our team will still be playing for The Bus.

6. How about them Stillers?

Admit it. Pittsburgh is not pretty. And neither are the fans. We're rowdy, we're rude, we're unclassy and we're stuffed full of pierogies, Primanti Brothers french fries and cheap I.C. Light. And it's glorious.

We're not snobby like Patriots fans and we're not filthy rich like Cowboys fans. We are who we are and most importantly, we're loyal to our team.

Anyone who accuses Pittsburgh of having fair-weather fans has not met a true "Stillers" fan. The emotion exuding from the crowd that fateful Sunday night was not of anger or resentment. It was of heartbreak. Heartbreak for the underdog team with a Cinderella story that everyone wanted to see win.

But while our loss may have shaken our city to its core, we have too much to be proud of to let one game deter our love for the Steelers. And I guarantee our Terrible Towels will be waving just as proudly at the start of the next season.

7. Tom Brady has no soul

While this does not necessarily have anything to do with the greatness of the Steelers, it does not take away from the fact that Tom Brady is lame and nobody loves him. If I have to watch his Crest whitening smile and stupid mullet hair win one more Super Bowl, I'm going to strangle Tom Brady with my Terrible Towel.

Who wants to keep watching the same team win over and over again anyway? They are like the Yankees of the NFL, an invention of power, money and greed, and I refuse to let them monopolize the great game of football.

So I encourage you to get behind me in cheering on the Eagles next week. It would be nice to see the underdog team win for once, and you have to love those Campbell's chunky soup commercials. Mama McNabb would be proud.

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Letters to the Editor

Attention dogsledders: The UGG is for Ugly

This is my first letter to the editor and I can't believe it is about this topic. UGG boots.

I'll never forget the first time I saw them. I was sitting in the TUB, minding my own business when suddenly a girl walked by wearing a mini-skirt with a pair of tan snow boots! I could not figure out what possessed the girl to think she was a Viking. I hoped it was an isolated incident, however, I was wrong.

Suddenly the phenomenon caught fire and girls all over campus were sporting skirts and boots equipped for manning a dog sled.

Just when I thought matters could get no worse, the temperature dropped. Now these female students were tucking their jeans into their Viking shoes.

Desperate for an answer to this madness I ran to the nearest female to ask what the trend was all about. I was informed that the shoes were called UGG boots and that they were all the rage...a year ago.

I was astonished, first because this ugly fashion was actually popular somewhere besides Scandinavia, second because it took Westminster girls a year to pick up on this hideous trend.

I am just your average senior guy. I have no real interest in fashion. For the most part, I could care less what women decide to wear.

However, if my girlfriend were to start tucking her jeans into a pair of fuzzy tan boots, I think I might have to seriously consider ceasing any public appearances with her.

This fashion looks so ridiculous. Just because something is featured in a trendy L.A. magazine doesn't mean you have to wear it.

Remember stirrup pants? If Lindsey Lohan starts wearing stirrup pants, are you going to start wearing them too? Next year? Give me a break!

I call for all owners of these shoes to meet at Lake Britain tonight at 6:00 P.M. to throw them in.

They did name the fashion appropriately though. The Ugg is for ugly.

Bob Allen
senior - Theater

Student crime: College should hold more responsibility

I commend Sandy Edmiston for her well-written article in the Dec. 10, 2004 issue of The Holcad, "Campus reacts to student crime." She cites the criminal behavior of students Lou Fani ("severely beating two teenagers" and related charges) and Thomas Froelich ("aggravated assault, escape, resisting arrest, defiant trespass, underage drinking, public drunkenness, and two counts of simple assault").

The article notes that disciplinary action by the College is a private matter "and can only be expressed through permission of Fani and Froelich." I question the wisdom of this policy. Failure to make a public announcement of punishment, coupled with the absence of any evidence of discipline having been imposed, conveys to the college community and beyond that students at Westminster College can "get away with murder," breaking rules and even laws with impunity.

According to the report, "Both students have already been benched for a number of football games." But just one contest remained after the Froelich fracas on October 31. Did he suit up for the Grove City game on November 6? Did he play? When his brother Scott was arrested for DUI and under-age drinking two years ago, he continued to play without interruption. Ditto Matt Robison a year later. Yet when Ohio State's star player broke training a few years ago he was benched for three games!

A student was quoted as saying, "What the police decided was public, but what happens to them on campus is really none of our business." Silence in the wake of these events would seem to indicate that most of her fellow students (also faculty and staff?) agree.

One who disagrees,

Joseph M. Hopkins
Emeritus Professor of Religion

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Outside the Bubble

REGIONAL

Professor fired on officer, but didn't intend to kill

By Joe Mandak
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A former Carnegie Mellon University professor admits he shot a police officer in the chest, but his attorney told a jury Tuesday that his client is innocent of attempted homicide because he didn't intend to kill the officer.

"The issue is, what was in his mind at the time," said the attorney, Paul Boas. "Did he intend to commit murder?"

Edward Constant II, 61, is charged with firing on Mount Lebanon police officers Daniel Rieg and Jeff Kite on May 26, 2002, as they investigated a domestic disturbance call at Constant's home. Shot in the chest, Rieg survived because he was wearing a bulletproof vest, but he was flipped backward over a porch railing and onto the front lawn.

Assistant District Attorney Bruce Beemer told the jury in his opening statement that, under the law, anyone who uses a deadly weapon can be presumed to have murderous intent _ especially when the weapon is a .44-caliber Magnum fired from five feet away.

"In a matter of seconds, this situation turned ugly. And it turned ugly because of one man... a belligerent, angry man," Beemer said, pointing at Constant.

Constant was convicted in April of attempted homicide and aggravated assault and sentenced to 14 1/2 to 29 years in prison. But the sentence and conviction were overturned on appeal when it was discovered a judge's staffer helped jurors.

When a juror asked the staffer what "criminal intent" meant, the staffer responded that it was a juror's job to decide what Constant was thinking.

That exchange led Administrative Judge Donna Jo McDaniel to order a new trial, which began Tuesday before Allegheny County Judge Jeffrey Manning.

Before the trial began Tuesday, Manning had to rule on yet another facet of the "criminal intent" question.

Boas wanted to present evidence that Constant was too drunk to form an intent to kill Rieg and Kite. Police have said Constant's blood-alcohol content that night was 0.235 percent, nearly three times the state's limit for drunken driving.

Boas noted that, under Pennsylvania law, a person can use voluntary intoxication as a defense that he wasn't able to form the criminal intent necessary to commit first-degree murder. Boas argued he should be able to use Constant's drunken state as a defense because the criminal homicide charge Constant faces also requires Beemer to prove that Constant had a criminal intent to commit first-degree, or premeditated murder.

Manning ruled that case law dictates that the intoxication defense can't be used against attempted homicide, although he agreed with Boas that is an "anomaly" in the law.

Beemer said the evidence will show Constant acted with murderous intent. Constant's revolver was found to have six spent shells, and both Rieg and Kite say Constant shot at them several times after his first shot hit Rieg.

Boas said only one other bullet was recovered from Constant's gun that night, and said there's no physical proof that Constant fired any other shots that night. The other empty shells were in the gun because Constant hadn't reloaded it from the last time he went to a shooting range, Boas said.

NATIONAL

White House says this year's deficit will hit a record high

By Alan Fram
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The White House will project that this year's federal deficit will hit $427 billion, a senior administration official said Tuesday, a record amount partly driven by wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The official, among three who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity, said the estimate was a conservative one that assumed some higher spending than other analysts use.

Last February, the White House projected that the 2004 shortfall would hit $521 billion, only to see it come in at $412 billion.

The official said the figure represented progress because it would be smaller than last year's record $412 billion shortfall when compared to the size of the growing U.S. economy.

That ratio is a key measure of the deficit's potency.

"Our projections will show we remain on track to cut the deficit in half by 2009," one of President Bush's budget goals, the official told reporters.

Even so, the number was among a blizzard of figures released Tuesday that illustrated how federal deficits remain a problem that Bush and Congress must reckon with.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said that thanks to tax cuts and hurricane aid passed since its last calculations in September, the 10-year deficit had worsened since then by $503 billion, not counting war expenditures.

The congressional analysts projected that this year's deficit would hit $368 billion, which would be the third highest ever, excluding war costs.

Adding expenditures for Iraq and Afghanistan operations would push this year's red ink to about $400 billion, said Congress' nonpartisan budget analyst.

Underscoring budget pressures hounding lawmakers, senior administration officials invited reporters to the White House to outline their upcoming request for an additional $80 billion, or slightly more, to help pay this year's costs of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I am grateful that Congress in a strong bipartisan fashion has consistently voted to support our troops, and I urge it to do so again," Bush said in a written statement.

There is little doubt lawmakers will follow Bush's lead, as they have repeatedly since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The latest proposal would bring war spending so far to about $308 billion, including $25 billion to rebuild Iraq and Afghanistan, according to the Congressional Research Service, which provides reports to lawmakers.

Bush plans to send his 2006 budget to Congress on Feb. 7.

It will not include a request for more war funds for that year, the officials said, saving that request for later.

Tuesday's forecast by the Congressional Budget Office was widely awaited at the start of a year when Bush and Republicans are likely to propose tight spending restraints and battle Democrats and some GOP lawmakers over those plans.

The budget office projected $855 billion in shortfalls for the decade ending in 2015.

The office estimated that deficits would gradually fade into slight surpluses by 2012, but not many were taking that forecast at face value.

INTERNATIONAL

Israel halts tageted killing of Palestinians

By Mark Lavie
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel has stopped targeting Palestinian militants for death, according to Israeli security officials, fulfilling a key Palestinian demand for a truce to end four years of violence.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Israel has informed the Palestinians of their decision.

It came after generals from the two sides met Tuesday to plan deployment of Palestinian police in central and southern Gaza, to prevent militants from attacking Israelis.

Since he took office earlier this month, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas has been negotiating with militant groups about a truce declaration.

In return, the militants are demanding that Israel stop its military operations and halt its killing of militant leaders.

The groups agreed to a one-month halt in attacks to test Israel's response.

On Tuesday, the Damascus-based leader of the violent Islamic Hamas, Khaled Mashaal, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

"If the Zionist enemy (Israel) abides by certain conditions, such as releasing all prisoners and detainees and halting all acts of killing, assassination and aggression against our people inside and outside (the Palestinian territories), the general national position of all Palestinian factions has become that they are ready to positively deal with the idea of a temporary truce," Mashaal said.

Israel is holding about 7,000 Palestinian prisoners, including some responsible for bloody attacks, but Israel has not agreed to free them.

The security officials said Israel would not act on its current target list of militants, but they warned that if Palestinians resume hostile activity, they will target those responsible.

Speaking to AP in Beirut, Lebanon, by cellular phone from an undisclosed location, Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal said the success of the truce effort depended on Israel.

"This is a moment of test," said Mashaal, who is based in Damascus, Syria.

"It puts the responsibility on the international community and the United States to force Israel to recognize the Palestinian rights."

Mashaal warned that Hamas would respond to any Israeli attacks.

A senior Hamas leader in the West Bank has said the group agreed to suspend attacks for 30 days to test Israel's response, while other Hamas members emphasized that a truce deal was not complete.

After nightfall Tuesday, the Palestinian public security commander, Maj. Gen. Moussa Arafat, met with the Israeli commander in Gaza, Brig. Gen. Aviv Kochavi, at the Erez crossing point between Israel and Gaza, their second session in a week.

They discussed plans for a police deployment in southern Gaza at the two-hour meeting, which came just days after some 3,000 Palestinian police deployed in northern Gaza to guard against militant rocket attacks on Israeli communities.

No rockets or mortar shells have hit Israeli communities since last week.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat told AP that beginning Thursday, police would take up positions near Khan Younis and Rafah in southern Gaza, frequent flashpoints of clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian militants. He said another security meeting was expected Wednesday.

Erekat also said he had been in touch by phone with aides of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to prepare for a possible meeting with Abbas.

He said contacts with Israel were going well, but the two sides had not begun to discuss the agenda for a meeting.

Erekat also met Tuesday with Israeli Vice Premier Shimon Peres, leader of the dovish Labor Party.

Speaking before Israel's parliament Tuesday, Sharon harshly criticized opponents of his plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and dismantle four West Bank settlements by this summer.

Sharon said that "in the past year, there has been an upsurge of voices threatening the integrity of Israeli democracy."

Without mentioning the pullback plan, Sharon complained that a minority in Israel was unwilling to accept the will of the majority.

Annan questioned about Iraqi oil-for-food scandal

By Nick Wadhams
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Investigators probing allegations of impropriety in the United Nations' Iraqi oil-for-food program questioned Secretary-General Kofi Annan about his involvement twice last year and again Tuesday, a U.N. spokesman said.

Annan met with former Fed Chairman Paul Volcker and his investigators Nov. 9 and again Dec. 3, spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

A third meeting took place Tuesday afternoon, but Volcker, who spoke to reporters as he left the United Nations, would not give details.

Volcker's panel had been expected to release a preliminary report in late January, but he said Tuesday it would come out in early February.

"We're going to have a report shortly," he said. "All I can tell you is wait for the report to come out."

The Independent Inquiry Committee is investigating whether U.N. administrators took bribes and allowed Saddam Hussein to skim money from the oil-for-food program.

Begun in December 1996, the program allowed Saddam's regime to sell unlimited quantities of oil on condition the money went primarily to buy food, medicine and other humanitarian goods for Iraqis and pay reparations to victims of the 1991 Gulf War.

Tuesday was the first time U.N. officials confirmed Annan had met with Volcker's panel, though it had been expected.

"The secretary-general is part of the investigation, is a subject like anyone else involved in oil-for-food at the secretariat," Eckhard said.

One element of the investigation is Annan's son Kojo, who worked in Africa for a Swiss company that had a contract under the oil-for-food program.

Kojo Annan, who denies any involvement in wrongdoing, received payments for more than four years after his job ended.

It was not immediately known if the U.N. chief discussed his son during his meetings with Volcker and other investigators.

Eckhard said the November meeting lasted more than 1 1/2 hours and the second about 25 minutes.

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Welcome to Kappa Delta Little Bears!

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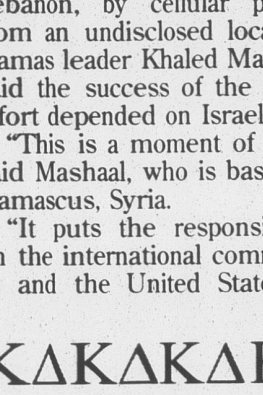

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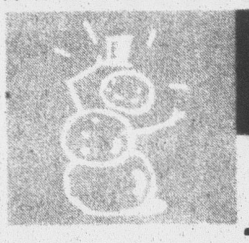

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Campus News

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

Sororities welcome new members

It was a long week of recruitment parties, new faces and major decisions, but on Saturday, Jan. 22 it was all worth the effort. The five campus sororities were nothing but smiles and cheers on that snowy bid day morning, when they welcomed more than 50 new girls into their sisterhood. The sisters spent the day getting their photos taken and celebrating with their members.

Business

Five local traditions close down

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Don't predict tumbleweeds and empty streets, however, because the reasons for so many changes are not economic.

Brian Soltis, owner of the Golden Dawn, jokes that he will be joining Miller for breakfast at Isaly's once his store closes as well. Soltis, like Miller, closed for personal, not economic reasons.

"My plan was to be here for ten years and that's what I've done," remarked Soltis.

Soltis will now pursue another business he bought last year, concessions stands he plans to set up at various local events, such as fairs.

The Shortstop Inn, like Miller's and the Golden Dawn, is also being sold for personal reasons.

What will happen in all of these vacant places?

A sign in Miller's window claims it is for sale. A pending business deal is soon to be announced regarding the Golden Dawn. Soltis explains that while he cannot yet give any particulars, he does have a verbal agreement that it will remain a store.

The Tavern, which was sold a few months ago to town residents Jay and Jennie Behm, is being renovated and will reopen again soon.

How do students, faculty, and staff feel about the changes in town?

Career Center secretary Tammy Sammons often shopped at the Golden Dawn, and is hoping that another store will take its place.

"I happen to go there a lot. It's nice to have two stores in town," Sammons commented. "Sometimes one store will have what another store won't."

"I hate to see empty buildings," Sammons also remarked.

So Wilmington and Westminster residents need not fear that the town will remain empty long. The community still has many attributes that make it appealing to new businesses.

Soltis agrees.

"We're happy with the community and with the business that we did.

Titan Radio looks to expand listener coverage

By Megan Marshall
Staff Writer

"Titan Radio, Digital 88.9 FM"... words heard in the cafeteria, the dorms, and even the stores of New Wilmington. But the quest for more power - and extended coverage - continues for those involved with the college radio station.

"The Federal Communications Commission has granted the College's request for a 4000-watt station," Dr. David Barner, chair of the department of communication studies, theatre,and art said.

"This would greatly extend the coverage area, [including] all of Lawrence County, Eastern Ohio, and the Shenango Valley."

During the summer, Barner worked with Westminster College Chief Engineer Chuck Chirozzi to extend the radio signal to reach off-campus.

Listeners can now tune into the station in New Castle, Volant and other neighboring communities.

Barner said that with an even stronger signal broadcast students will have the ability to develop programming to serve a broader, off-campus community.

"Titan Radio's goal will be to serve our community with quality programming, including Titan sports broadcasts."

He also said the new signal will give Westminster students the opportunity to gain experience in the "real world".

Junior broadcast communications major and program director for WWNW Heather Storm said students are already more enthusiastic about their radio shifts with the most recent power upgrade this past summer.

"We have more shifts covered this year than we have in the past. The DJ's still talk about some things that occur on campus, but now they focus more on the community than simply the college," said Storm.

"The radio staff is excited that more alumni and local residents will benefit from our increased signal."

Storm explained some other benefits of extended coverage, "[The off-campus community] can now hear news, weather, and music without any commercials." Storm said. "It also gives the college more publicity; it puts our name out there."

Barner says the next step is to secure funding for the new $30,000 project.

"[That] includes a new antenna and increased transmitting power," Barner said. "We hope to complete the project by the summer of 2006."

Printing

Labs to charge students for excess printing next fall

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even, some students are worried that they will go over the limit.

"I guess it's a good idea because people waste a lot of paper, but as a poor college student it's not a good thing because teachers like you to print out lots of reports and research," junior Stacy Logue said.

Other students feel that only those who use a lot of paper should be the ones who have to be monitored.

"I think the people who print out tons of paper should be the ones who have to have a limit on paying for printing," junior Cyndi Mancini said.

"It isn't fair that we should all have to worry about how much money we have left just because someone ruined it for everyone."

However, senior Geoff Zimmerman believes that the new system is something that the campus has needed.

"Paying for printing will cut back on waste. The campus won't need to spend so much money on paper and toner," Zimmerman said.

"I think it's a good idea since the number of pages is over the average that people use in a semester."

Paying for printing will not begin during this semester, but students are advised to start counting their pages now.

Theater, music students compete

By Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

Theatre students and those in the choir continued to participate in activities during winter break, including the annual Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival and a choir trip to Florida.

The 33rd theatre festival took place from Tuesday, Jan. 4 to Saturday, Jan. 8 at Muhlenberg College as part of a regional competition, one tier beneath the nationals. According to junior Amanda Kovacic, about ten students and five professors attended this year's festival.

"They have competitions for design and playwrights," Kovacic said. "They have a ten-minute play competition, a one-act competition, and a full-length competition."

Choir students spent a busy break touring churches for a week in Georgia and Florida, performing six concerts at different churches between Friday, Jan. 7 and Wednesday, Jan. 12. Thursday and Friday of that week students got an opportunity to visit Disney World and the Magic Kingdom.

"It's not a trip per se, it's a working tour. We're actually working for the college," music professor Robin A. Lind said.

Students' busy schedules sometimes included 14-hour bus rides, frequent concerts and hard work, according to Lind. "Then, finally, on Thursday and Friday our fun was we got to go to Disney World."

Lind was pleased with how the concerts proceeded, expressing pride in several compliments from concertgoers or hotel personnel at students' good performances and behavior.

Freshman Joel Montgomery said, "It went really well, it was an enjoyable experience. We had a lot of really good concerts."

Theatre instructor Eileen Hendrickson was among the group of students and staff who attended the theatre festival. She had the opportunity to direct one of the 10-minute original plays entered into the competition, "The Freezing Phenomenon," which was written by Emily Hawe from NYU and received first place in its category.

Students from campus acted in all areas, Hendrickson said, and professors not only chaperoned but participated in workshops.

Hendrickson was also one of the individuals responsible for trying out nearly 200 students on the first day of the festival.

Kovacic described ACTF as a learning experience. "The festival always brings in new plays," she said.

"Last year's play, The Baker of Madrigal, was nominated but didn't make it."

Quarantined

Roommates return to quarantined room in Browne

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"No one wants to make that call 'I've got some bad news for you...your room has had some severe damage' especially three days before class."
Owen Wagner, director of physical plant

kind; however, Wagner prefaces any fear of mold by noting "there are thousands of varieties of mold...with no regulations on it...we just want to make sure everyone is safe," said Wagner.

All parties say that the girls have acted with extreme understanding during this mess. Currently, the roommates have relocated to Galbreath Hall.

"It was just so hard to explain to these girls. I mean no one wants to make that call 'I've got some bad news for you...your room has had some severe damage'-especially three days before class."

While Don Shelenberger, the head of the business office, would not provide an estimate of the total damage, his office does say that the school's insurance policy will replace the girl's destroyed items.

"We received our dry-cleaning on Friday, but some things were unable to be salvaged," said McFadden.

"As for our other things, a computer, TV, bedding and whatnot... well, me and my roommate have gotten a few things, but most things we will be buying within the next month."

So far, no complaints have been filed with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration or with the Health Department.

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Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 33	High 39	High 39	High 37	High 36	High 34	High 30
Low 21	Low 32	Low 32	Low 27	Low 21	Low 20	Low 16
Increasing cloudiness	Mostly cloudy	Chance rain or snow	Chance rain or snow	Mostly cloudy	More clouds than sun	Mostly cloudy

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	7:35 a.m.	5:34 p.m.
Sunday	7:34 a.m.	5:36 p.m.
Monday	7:33 a.m.	5:37 p.m.
Tuesday	7:32 a.m.	5:38 p.m.
Wednesday	7:31 a.m.	5:39 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Saturday	9:53 p.m.	9:48 a.m.
Sunday	10:58 p.m.	10:08 a.m.
Monday	none	10:29 a.m.
Tuesday	12:04 a.m.	10:52 a.m.
Wednesday	1:14 a.m.	11:20 a.m.

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Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Feb 2	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 23

Weather History

The temperature at La Junta, Colo., rose from 5 degrees on the morning of Jan. 30, 1991, to a high of 50 in the afternoon. Pueblo, Colo., began the day at 2 but ended up with a comfortable high of 58.

Regional Cities

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	33	25	pc	37	27	sf	39	29	sn	40	26	i	34	21	sn
Butler, PA	38	18	s	36	29	c	40	29	sn	43	28	i	37	21	c
Cambridge, OH	36	25	pc	40	32	sn	45	33	r	44	29	r	39	23	c
Canton, OH	34	24	pc	39	28	sf	39	30	sn	42	26	i	35	22	sn
Cincinnati, OH	36	30	c	42	30	r	45	32	r	43	27	sh	42	24	c
Clarion, PA	33	21	s	39	28	c	39	28	sn	39	26	i	35	20	sn
Clarksburg, WV	38	26	pc	41	33	sn	49	36	r	47	31	r	41	23	c
Cleveland, OH	36	26	pc	34	28	sf	36	30	sn	41	27	i	35	23	sn
Columbus, OH	37	26	sn	38	24	sn	42	30	sn	43	29	i	38	24	c
Cumberland, MD	35	24	s	39	31	sn	42	33	i	47	31	r	42	24	c
Erie, PA	30	20	pc	39	28	c	39	31	c	39	29	sn	34	23	sn
Franklin, PA	34	21	pc	37	28	c	39	28	sn	40	26	i	35	20	sn
Greensburg, PA	33	26	s	37	31	sn	44	34	r	46	31	r	39	24	c
Greenville, PA	32	23	pc	37	29	c	39	29	sn	41	26	sn	34	20	c
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Kittanning, PA	37	24	s	36	32	c	40	32	sn	46	31	r	39	23	c
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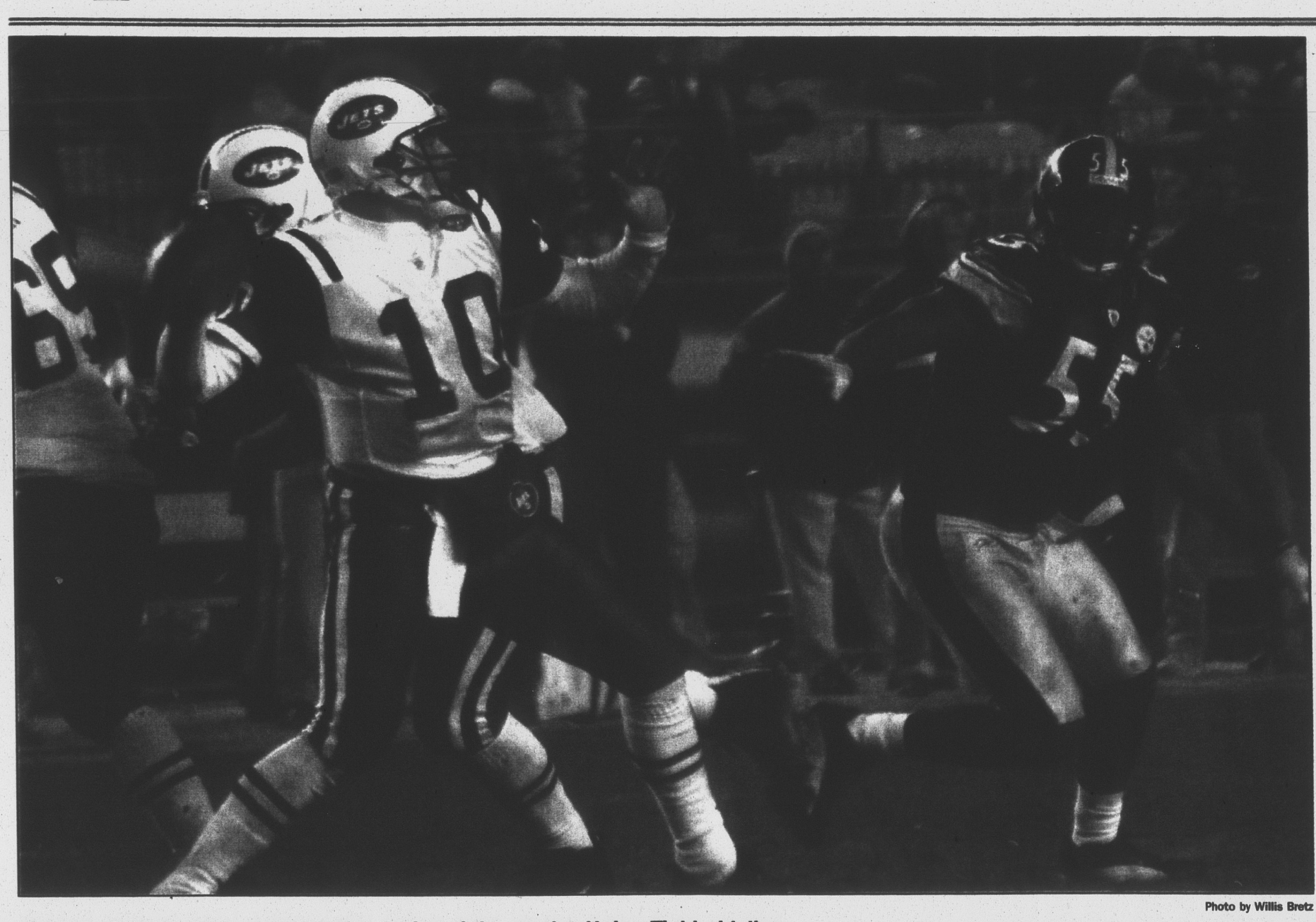


Photo by Willis Bretz

Holcad photographer catches the action right on the Heinz Field sideline

This photo was not taken by the Associated Press, the Post-Gazette or the Tribune-Review. This photo was taken by senior Holcad Photography Editor Willis Bretz, who was able to fulfill his wildest dreams on Sunday, Dec. 12 by taking pictures of the Steelers/Jets game on the sidelines of Heinz Field. Bretz did not expect a response when he asked the Steelers public relations managers for free passes in early December, and therefore could not believe his eyes when he received a fax permitting the Holcad one press pass for the Jets game. Though Bretz was forced to stay in the press box for the majority of the game, he was let loose onto the field for the last 10 minutes of the fourth quarter, allowing him to take photos of his favorite football team up-close and personal. "The only word I can use to describe the experience was crazy," Bretz said. "I hope I get to do it again." Bretz, a history major with an art minor, plans to continue his photography after graduation.

Unforgettable season

Nobody remembers second place in the AFC, but Pittsburgh will never forget

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

Twenty-two years ago, I was born into this world. Twenty-two years ago, I was born into Steelers Nation.

For 22 years, I've been weaned on the dreams of sausage, eggs, and melted cheese, steamed sauerkraut, and cold I.C. Light.

More often than not, in my lifetime, the Steelers have excelled. They've neared the pinnacle of success only to crushingly stumble backward, fostering a hatred for Stan Humphries, John Elway, and Tom Brady.

If the measure of a great team is a championship then I've never seen a great Steelers team.

The Steelers captured their last Super Bowl title in the early months of 1980. And yet, they've knocked on glory's door many times since then, only to fail.

As the final seconds closed the Patriots' win in the AFC Championship game, the Steelers' successes became as important as the Browns' failures. And, the Browns get a better draft pick in April.

Nobody remembers second place, particularly in the conference championships. But I bet that no one on this frozen Pennsylvanian morning will forget this season any time soon.

Too much positive energy surrounds the Steelers.

Too many plays brought smiles to Pittsburgh faces and pride to Pittsburgh hearts.

Ben Roethlisberger emerged as "our" John Elway. And hell, Elway took an entire career to learn to win the big games. Give Ben time.

The defense played, as a Steelers' defense should. With a young secondary, there's room for nothing but improvement.

There will be those that ask for Coach Cowher's head. It's a Pittsburgh tradition. Cowher's too good of a coach to say good-bye. The Rooneys are too business-savvy to let him leave or send him on his way.

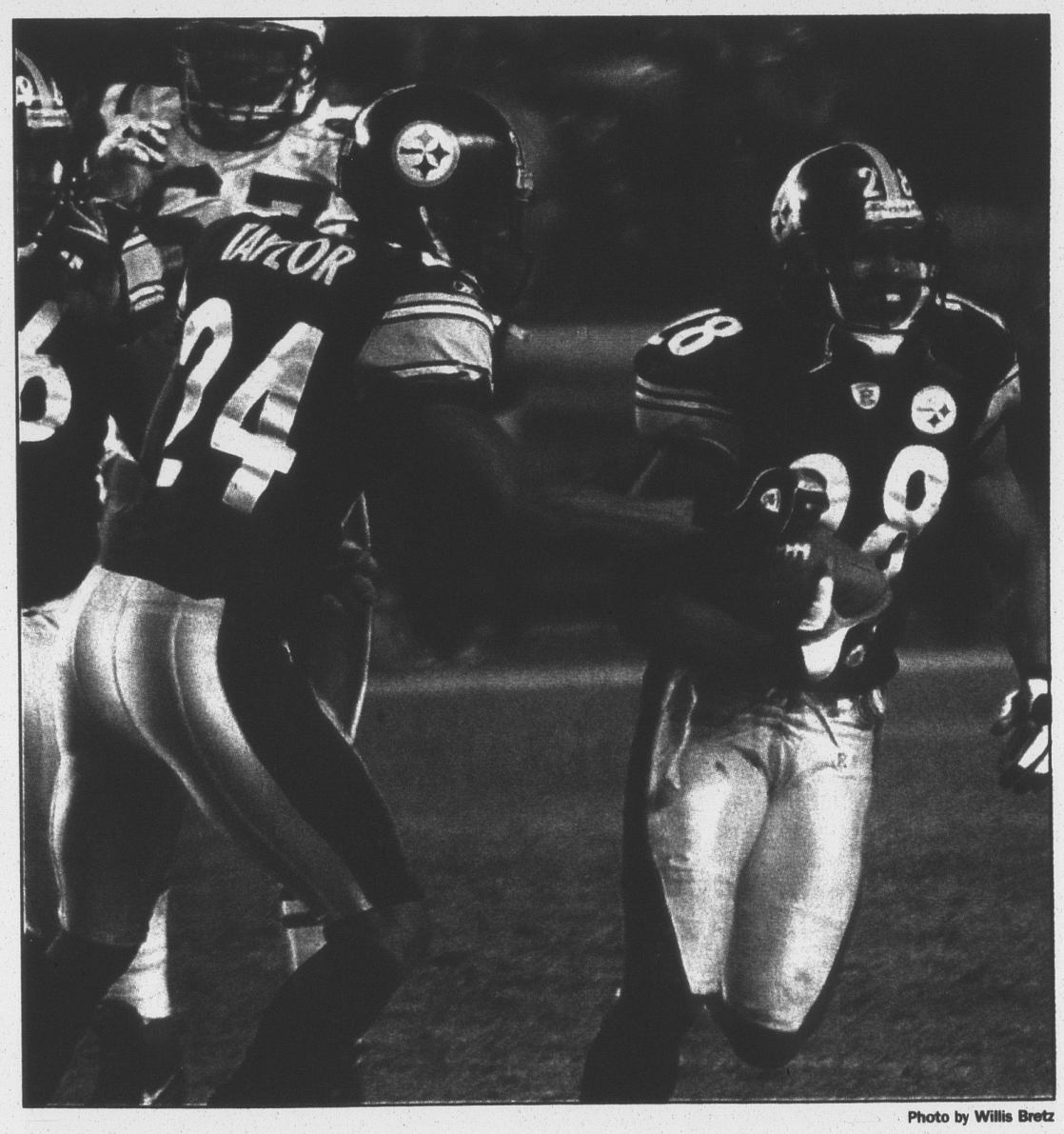
Cowher is an excellent coach. One does not secure home field advantage five times in ten years by being a foolish football coach.

The pieces are in place. The Rooneys don't need to sign every free agent Pro Bowler. Dan Rooney's office does not overlook Manhattan and his name is not George Steinbrenner.

Ultimately, the Steelers failed in the "Drive for Five." It makes the single-digit temperatures a little more biting and the beer a bit more bitter.

As competitors, however, the Steelers overwhelmingly won. It's better to have played the game and lost than to have not played at all.

That could be a matter of perspective, however, because 22 years ago, I was also born a Pittsburgh Pirates fan. Ask the Pirates how cold a Pittsburgh winter can be.



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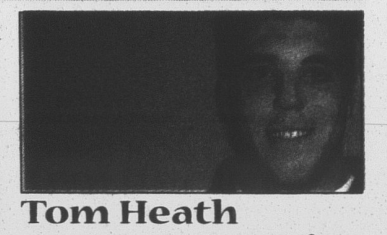
Top photo: Joey Porter puts pressure on New York Jets quarterback Chad Pennington during their first match-up.

Above photo: Chris Hope celebrates with Ike Taylor upon making an interception late in the fourth quarter to take away any chance the Jets had of winning the game.



Tom Heath
Sports Editor

Steelers do not deserve desertion

The AFC championship was probably one of the most disappointing displays of football to most Steelers' fans that I know. I, however, who am not a fan, feel that there is no reason whatsoever for everyone to be so down and upset for a long period of time. I heard the song from my roommates the whole week before the game, "We're from the town with the Super Bowl team... Pittsburgh's going to the Super Bowl."

Pittsburgh may not be headed to Jacksonville for the Super Bowl, however, I hold a great disgust for Pittsburgh fans who are jumping ship and bashing Pittsburgh for not handling the Patriots like the first go around.

I recall the beginning of the season; actually, we will go all the way back to the draft in April of 2004, when the Steelers selected Ben Roethlisberger, many were left scratching their heads. Most people at the beginning really questioned this pick and not just because no one could pronounce his name. He was a player from a conference, the MAC, which is considered in the eyes of many not nearly the level of play as the Big Ten, Big East of the SEC to name a few.

Tommy Maddox has taken the bull by the horns in the past previous season and from an outsiders' view, he seemed to be a hometown hero. Any time I had been to Pittsburgh, I saw Maddox jerseys as well as "Tommy Gun" t-shirts everywhere I looked. However, the Maddox fever which had taken the Steel City by storm the previous seasons, was short lived in the 2004 season.

With Maddox injured in the second game of the season against the Ravens, Roethlisberger stepped up and made big plays when called upon, however, the Steelers couldn't capitalize against Baltimore. This would be the last time the Steelers would lose for the rest of the regular season.

"Big Ben" was placed center stage and performed to a level that was unimaginable to even most veterans in the league. He was unbeaten as a starter in the regular season leading the Steelers to a record that only contained one loss. The Maddox jersey and "Tommy Gun" t-shirts had been replaced by Roethilsberger jerseys and "Big Ben" t-shirts. "Big Ben" really proved to most fans that he was the real deal. He was the size of a tight end that could move and make plays.

Outside of Ben, he has a supporting cast that was one of the best in the league. His offensive lines as well as defense were two of the best in the NFL. I can only be jealous that the Cleveland Browns did not have the weapons that these guys did.

Sunday's loss should not be in any way a reflection of this past season. The ifs, ands, buts and maybes should be cast aside.

The 2004 Pittsburgh Steelers were the real deal.

I can only hope that the Cleveland Browns can mount a turn around like that for the 2005 season. Hats off to the Steelers.

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Lady Titans back in action with 3-0 in the PAC

By Frederick Gadawski
Sports Writer

The lady Titans were back in action and came out firing as they defeated Bethany College 77-50. This win increases their mark to 12-4 on the season and a perfect 3-0 in the PAC.

The Titans would grab the lead from the opening tip and never let it go, as they held an impressive fifteen point lead going into halftime. At one point in the second half, the ladies were leading by thirty-three points on their way to the win.

Leading the way was Sophomore Desiree Sterling who poured in a game high eighteen point and five assists.

The Senior leadership then kicked in as Mary Jane Eaton and Erica Tallo scored twelve points each to help seal the victory.

Freshman Cherrell Triplett also added twelve points, which is a new career high. The Titans shot a season best 57 percent from the floor, while the stingy defense only allowed Bethany to shoot 34 percent.

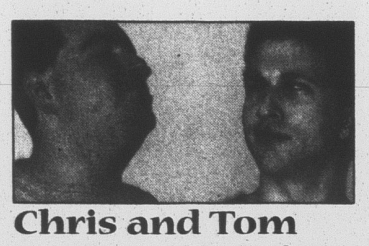
The Bison were also out rebounded by the Titans 41-28; this is the fourth straight game that the ladies have had a double-digit advantage in this category.

The ladies hope to improve on their current streaks as they face PAC foe Washington & Jefferson.

Both teams are tied for first place seeding in the PAC.

Arts & Entertainment

Prepare for the Oscars with Finding Neverland



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

As the spring semester begins to kick into gear, so does our favorite time of the year: Oscar season. The nominations for this year's awards were announced early Tuesday morning with the usual expected nominees, as well as some surprises particularly nominations for Alan Alda, Sophie Okonedo, and Clint Eastwood for Lead Actor.

The Best Picture lineup includes The Aviator, Finding Neverland, Million Dollar Baby, Ray and Sideways.

While these films are all wonderful, movie buffs from Westminster cannot help but become frustrated by the fact that three of these films are not playing anywhere within a half hour drive!

However, the other two are available, as Ray is playing on campus this weekend, and Finding Neverland is currently showing at Westgate Cinema in New Castle.

Finding Neverland is about James Barrie (Johnny Depp), an accomplished author and playwright in England who's most famous work is Peter Pan.

The film begins before Peter was born, as Barrie is having trouble establishing a successful play. Unclear of where his career is going, he stumbles upon a widow, Sylvia, (Kate Winslet) and her four charming boys.

Barrie begins to encourage the boys to use their imagination and a strong bond is developed between them.

The catch? Barrie is a married man, and his completely innocent relationship with Sylvia becomes the talk of London, much to the concern of Sylvia's mother, played by the legendary Julie Christie.

Barrie begins to develop his ideas of Peter Pan for these boys, to create a place where no one grows and no one ever dies. However, marital and financial troubles mount as well, as Barrie is determined to create his play.

While there is much more to the story, we wouldn't want to spoil the enjoyment of watching this film. Finding Neverland is a very well made family film that is meant to not only make you cry, but practically tear out your tear ducts.

This is one of the most obviously tear-jerkers around, however it is also a well made film.

Marc Forster, most known for directing Halle Berry to an Oscar in Monster's Ball, takes on a completely different genre and succeeds wonderfully.

While his direction is a bit overly sappy with some uncertain directorial choices, he still manages to capture the magic of this magical tale.

It is the acting that really brings this film to life. Johnny Depp delivers a restrained but wonderful performance as Barrie.

Winslet is always amazing in everything she does, and in the role as the widow Sylvia, she shines once again.

Granted, both actors have done more impressive work in their careers. For Depp see Pirates of the Caribbean and for Winslet see Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind.

The revelation in this film is a young actor by the name of Freddie Highmore. Highmore plays Peter, the son that is most hurt from his father's death and is cynical about a world of make believe.

Barrie finds Peter to be the particular challenge, as he tries to get Peter to use his imagination. Highmore has an amazing ability to express such real emotion particularly in a few key scenes, which should have gotten him an Oscar nomination.

Highmore is a name to remember especially this summer as he reunites with Depp in Tim Burton's take on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

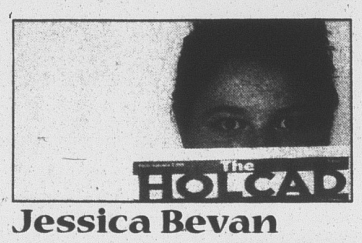
Finding Neverland is not a perfect film, but the center story is so moving, that the subtle flaws can be ignored. The film will reawaken the inner child that is hopefully still inside of you and boy will the tear ducts flow!

Finding Neverland was nominated for seven Oscars including Picture, Lead Actor, and Adapted Screenplay.

While it may not be the frontrunner to win Best Picture, it is certainly worth seeing as it is one of the most heartwarming films of last year. A-

Chris Medjesky is a fifth-year physics major, who stuck around for an extra year just for the film studies minor. Tom Oyer is a senior sociology major and a film studies minor.

Incomplete thoughts: A barrage of nonsense



Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

You'd think that with five weeks to sit around and come up with column ideas, I'd have something spectacular for the first Holcad at the semester.

Obviously if I'm starting out like that, we're in big trouble.

But here are some rejected ideas, all the same, stream of consciousness style.

First, I thought about writing about how we sometimes only like bands until they hit TRL, and then we secretly loathe them for selling out.

Sort of a double standard thing - we want them to do well, but there's something about having to share them with the rest of the world that doesn't sit right.

One minute you're playing dingy clubs in Las Vegas, and bickety-bam, you've got a video on TV with a special cameo by Julia Roberts' brother.

I'm looking at you, Brandon Flowers and the Killers.

I also realized I'd have to talk about how some people sort skip that level of being the cool, unknown performer and go straight to your favorite pop/rock radio station.

Except TitanRadio. - that'll take a few extra months.

However, I didn't feel like spending unnecessary time on Beyonce.

I also thought about discussing my joy over the prospect new episodes of the Family Guy in May.

That felt a little premature, since I'll most definitely need ideas come the end of the semester.

And it'll be more fun to let the excitement build.

Ooh - a whole column devoted to my favorite Family Guy episodes. I should be writing this stuff down somewhere.

I also thought there could be a semi-brilliant lament about TV shows we'd never really admit to watching, or even worse, watch to make fun of but secretly kind of enjoy.

Like 7th Heaven. Or anything on the Disney Channel. Hurray for stilted acting and sacchrine sweet plots.

And finally, there's always the interesting phenomenon of going to the movies by yourself, which I did for the first time over winter break.

Not only did I venture in to Loews Waterfront all on my lonesome, but I also went in the middle of the day on a Thursday.

There was only one other person in the theater with me watching National Treasure. We didn't say a word to each other, and in all honesty, I think that might have been weird, in spite of our shared experience.

On a side note, I did like the movie, despite my general dislike of Nicholas Cage.

Once you suspended all realms of reality, the idea of our founding fathers leaving clues to assorted treasures, ranging from Egyptian gold to knick-knacks from Thomas Jefferson's mantel, is sort of neat, which was enough to override Mr. Cage. Plus the movie had Sean Bean, of Lord of the Rings fame. He's a great bad guy.

I can appreciate a character that can crack clues like walnut shells. Sherlock Holmes, anyone?

In the end, all I was had to work with this week was the above list of half ideas.

I blame senioritis, since deflecting is much easier than just admitting I'm a slacker.

Thank goodness the awards season is quickly approaching.

Jess Bevan is a senior, double majoring in English and public relations. She's also a layout editor for this fine paper, has her hands in a number of other campus organizations, and finds that everything in life relates back to the Family Guy.

And the 2005 Oscar nominees are...

Best Picture:
The Aviator
Finding Neverland
Million Dollar Baby
Ray
Sideways

Best Actor
Don Cheadle - Hotel Rwanda
Johnny Depp - Finding Neverland
Leonardo DiCaprio - The Aviator
Clint Eastwood - Million Dollar Baby
Jamie Foxx - Ray

Best Actress
Annette Bening - Being Julia
Catalina Sandino Moreno - Maria Full of Grace
Imelda Staunton - Vera Drake
Hilary Swank - Million Dollar Baby
Kate Winslet - Enternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

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February 4, 2005

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8:30 P.M.
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Calendar

January 28, 2005
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Book Buyback — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Titan's Tavern — MCC Club/Lounge
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

January 29, 2005
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Book Buyback — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
11:00 AM Ski Club Trip to Peak 'n' Peek
1:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Baldwin-Wallace (H)
5:30 PM Women's Basketball at Waynesburg
7:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:30 PM Men's Basketball at Waynesburg
8:00 PM Movie In Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

January 30, 2005
3:00 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater
6:15 PM IFC Meeting — MCC 255
7:00 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

January 31, 2005
Sorority Meetings
11:40 AM Congresswoman Melissa Hart, Guest Speaker — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — MCC Witnerspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

February 01, 2005
4:30 PM Biology Seminar - Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
7:30 PM Men's Basketball at Geneva
9:00 PM Newman Club - MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting - TC 314
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night - MCC Club/Lounge

February 02, 2005
Last Day to Add ($15 Fee)
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Amy Camardese, "The Quest for the Girl from Ipanema: Learnings from Brazil" — MCC Mueller Theater
11:40 AM - 12:30 PM Young Presbyterian Scholars Book Study
11:45 AM Faculty Forum — MCC Mueller Theater
7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater
8:00 PM Celebrity Series: Faith Prince and Tom Wopat in "Over the Rainbow," a Celebration of Harold Arlen — Orr Auditorium
8:30 PM Seekers College Fellowship — MCC Club/Lounge
9:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Recruitment Party

February 03, 2005
4:30 PM Biology Seminar — Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Do not allow yourself to be misled by friends. Avoid unnecessary confusion by staying focused and on track with your goals. Honesty is key.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Make up your mind about what you want to do and you can expect success in professional endeavors. Take the plunge and come out on top.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): A friendly discussion could quickly get out of hand and turn into a heated argument. Walk away before saying something you may regret.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Tap into a new level of personal or artistic expression. Put passion and enthusiasm into a creative project and allow it to blossom.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Join forces with a powerful and influential partner and conquer all opposition. When working together toward a common cause, you can move mountains.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You are your own best analyst. Defend yourself against unwarranted or undeserved criticism and sell your best qualities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Stay away from a speculative venture that has little chance for success. Put your money and energy into a promising or productive project.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Enjoy a stimulating emotional exchange with family members. Listen to their concerns and consider a compromise in order to keep the peace.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): It helps to share your thoughts and ideas with a sibling or neighbor. Open up, speak from the heart and get your point across.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): An overhaul of your budget is long overdue. Turn your attention to your finances and make some realistic and necessary adjustments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): The challenge is on to produce or promote a new product or service. Stay active and involved in every phase of the operation.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Acknowledge a feeling or strong urge to escape your current reality. Plan a much-deserved trip to a relaxing spa, camp or retreat.

Do you have an event coming up?
Does your organization deserve recognition?
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Crossword

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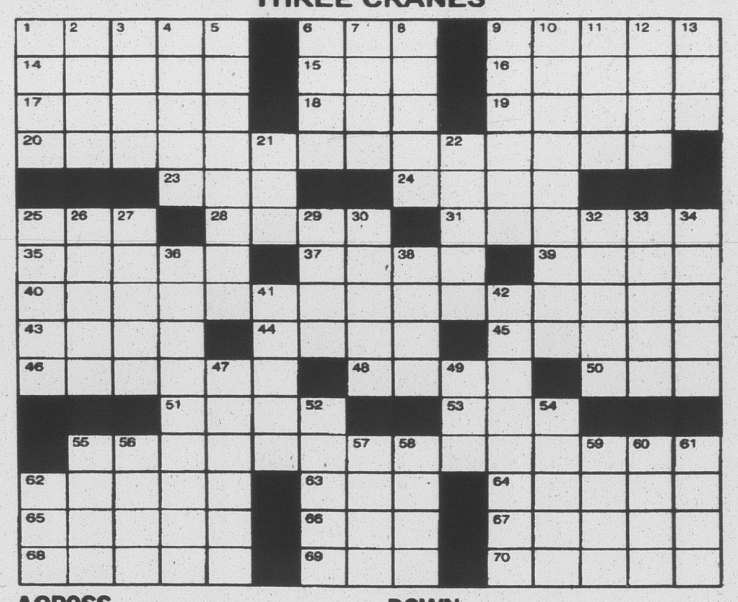

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6 Half-boot
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15 Turkish noble
16 Quay
17 ___ acid
18 Nonverbal agreement
19 "Goodnight ___": '50s hit
20 CRANE
23 Building wing
24 Speaker, of baseball
25 Welby or Kildare's gp.
28 German river
31 Depth charge
35 Hearts
37 Thin ore stratum
39 Sound
40 CRANE
43 Once, once
44 Use a juicer
45 Nourished anew
46 ___ care!: I'm not concerned
48 Agra water pot
50 Radiator sound
51 Megahit TV series
53 Somewhat: suffix
55 CRANE
62 Toxic ___
63 Semi
64 Orange or Indian
65 Kind of ego
66 Poem of praise
67 Loan-sharking
68 "The ___ Menagerie"
69 "The ___: Bullock" film
70 Heavy reading?

DOWN
1 Recover
2 Pollster Roper
3 Once more, to Li'l Abner
4 Gamut
5 Most like Balzac's tales
6 Sharp pain
7 Astonished
8 West Point plebe
9 Ike's excuses?
10 ___ thought!: don't believe it!
11 Complete
12 Tear
13 Strange gadget
21 Days of yore
22 Kazan's forte
25 Head and heart followers
26 Highly paid actress
27 Rebel
29 Feudal worker
30 Of the crown
32 Updo and Afro
33 Meara and Murray
34 Essentials
36 Probable future costs
38 Shot and shell
41 Kind of wolfhound
42 1955 prison-break film
47 Stone smoothers
49 Twitch
52 Egret
54 Late actress Signe
55 "The ___ Men": Gable film
56 This, in Toledo
57 Sally, of spaceflight
58 "___ a Kick Out of You"
59 L. Frank ___: Oz creator
60 Grimm heavy
61 Former Tripoli pashas
62 Joker

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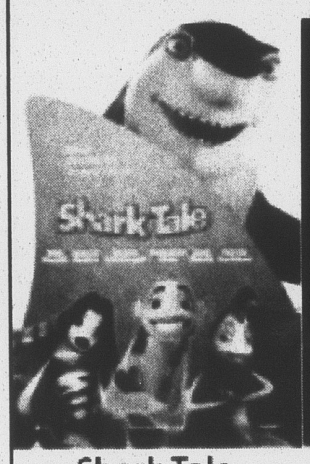

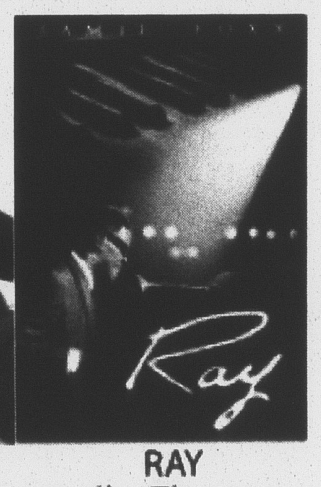

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RAY
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Saturday: 8:00 PM
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Titans Tavern
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SATURDAY!
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Late Nights
Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday
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COMING SOON...
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Feb. 4	Mardi Gras
Feb. 11	Titan Tavern
Feb. 12	Night Owl Bowling
Feb. 18	Mid Winter Jazz Concert
Feb. 25	Titan Tavern
Feb. 26	Night Owl Bowling
March 11-13	Lil Sib's Weekend
Mar. 11	Titan Tavern
Mar. 12	Night Owl Bowling
Apr. 2	Night Owl Bowling
Apr. 8	Titan Tavern
Apr. 16	Relay for Life
Apr. 16	Night Owl Bowling
Apr. 22	Titan Tavern
Apr. 23	Sing n Swing
Apr. 30	Volley Rock

Features

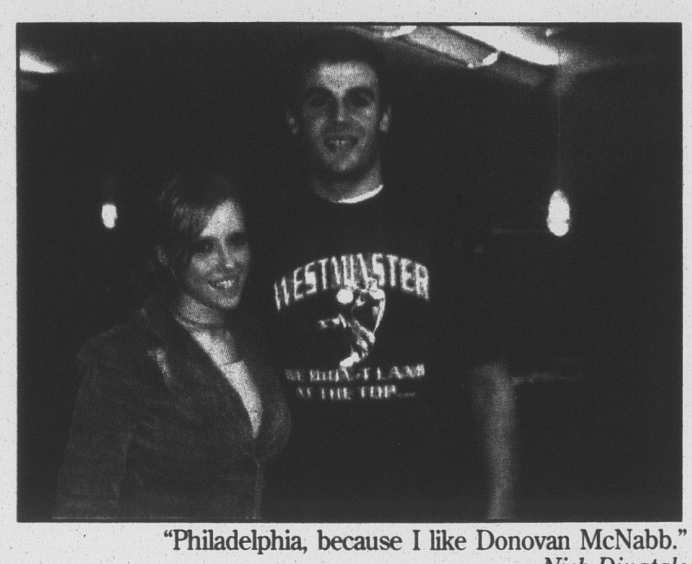
SUPER BOWL DREAMS

What team will win, or which team would you like to win the Super Bowl?

The Super Bowl is not this weekend, but next. However, in case you have been living under a rock, this is currently a sore topic for Western Pa. Here at the Holcad we like to salt fresh wounds.

Laura Zorch
Feature Editor

"Philadelphia, because the Patriots beat the Steelers."
Kaitlin Summers



"Philadelphia, because I like Donovan McNabb."
Nick Dinatale

"I guess New England; if they can beat the Steelers, they should be able to win."
Amy Browell

"I don't even know who is in it!"
Lindsay Painter

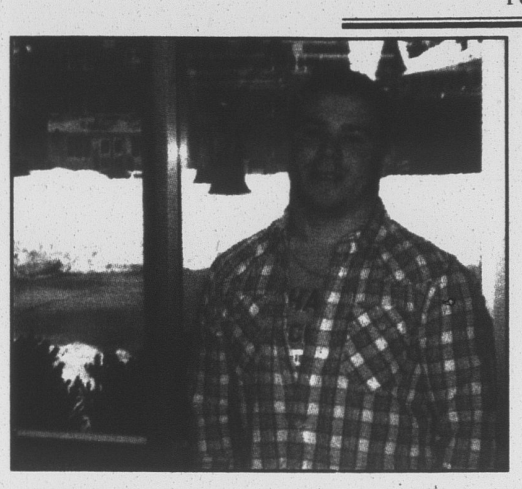
"The Cleveland Cavaliers, because LeBron James can play any sport."
Josh Perry

"Patriots, because I like their no nonsense nature. The Eagles are too arrogant."
Justin Hayek

"I have no clue!"
Nikki Douglas

"I want Philly to win. I don't like the Patriots at all."
Sarah Patterson

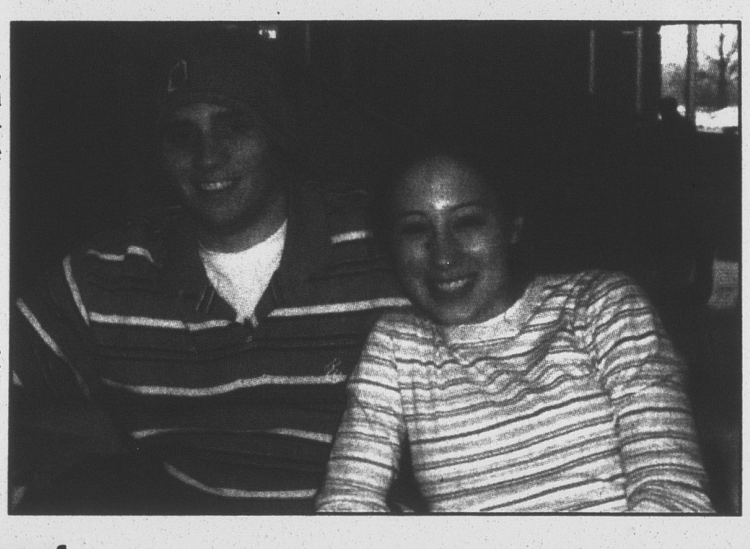
"Steelers."
Mike Mackin



"Philadelphia Eagles, because the Patriots beat the Steelers."
Tanner Larson

"I want the Eagles to win, because I'm tired of Tom Brady, but I think the Patriots will win because they are the better team."
Michael O'Leary

"Definitely the Eagles. Philadelphia is in PA; it's closer to home."
Amie Hack



"The Eagles, because T.O. is coming back."
Becky Gray

"Eagles. I don't like the Patriots; I never have."
Kate Molinaro

Political Pong

Rock the vote Iraqi style: Will it really work?

Jessica Rummel
Campus Conservative

You know, this past year has brought us numerous new political catch phrases and terms, most of which you never want to hear again: red-state blue-state, flip-flop, swift boat veterans, patriotism, Flavor-Flav (ok, so that one isn't political, but god am I sick of it).

But in my opinion, one word graced the covers of more news magazines and escaped from the mouths of more news reporters than any other: Iraq.

Yes, whether we're taking down Saddam, battling insurgents in Fallujah, or protecting Iraqi citizens, the media and in turn, the American public, are talking about it.

But now we've arrived at the big moment, the true test that will prove if stability and democracy is in the near future for Iraq.

This Sunday, January 30, Iraq will hold its first nationwide democratic election. The citizens will elect a 275 member national assembly, who will then create a new constitution and prepare for new elections in December.

Over 120 parties are running for the seats.

The world is wondering, will these elections succeed? Democrats are praying for a complete catastrophe in hopes of squashing the Republican majority in the next US election. I, respectfully, must put my money on success.

Now I'm not saying that there won't be at the very least attempts of violent disturbance, especially in areas such as Fallujah and Ramadi.

However, I believe that both democracy and safe elections are possible on January 30.

Let me tell you what's being done right. I think the national assembly is a great idea.

This allows each ethnic group to be represented, but doesn't allow one to hold any real majority. They are forced to form coalitions in order to influence the assembly.

You know what else is great? They have uniform ballots nationwide. They were created in Switzerland in order to avoid tampering with the ballots.

If only certain other modern democracies would implement uniform ballots to prevent voting inconsistencies in certain areas (cough, U.S., cough)

I do have my reservations about some choices made, however. For one, they're requiring that 25% of the seats be occupied by women.

Now I realize that women in this particular culture aren't exactly welcomed in leadership positions, but I don't believe in quotas to make things right. This is the Middle Eastern equivalent to affirmative action, and I'd rather be without.

Also, the use of the "Oil for Food" list as the official registration for voters just seems... stupid.

I understand that the time restraints and violence restricted proper registration techniques, but the "Oil for Food" list?

There's more legitimacy given to Britney Spears' vocal range than to this list. I guess it's better than nothing.

My biggest concern is the attempts of violence to disrupt elections, but I'm confident that most efforts will be thwarted.

Once the initial "shock" of democracy is over for the citizens of Iraq, I believe they can adjust to having such horrible imports from America like "freedom of choice" and "free speech."

Our troops are there for a reason, and the benefits will be seen within the next week.

Jessica Rummel (aka right-wing nutjob) is a senior political science major. She is President of SGA, College Republicans, and is probably going straight to hell.

It has been obvious from the start that having democratic elections in Iraq is an idealistic policy at best.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan has said that Iraq is not ready for elections and that the UN will not provide any more election officials to oversee the elections. With that said here are my top five reasons why the Iraqi elections will not work.

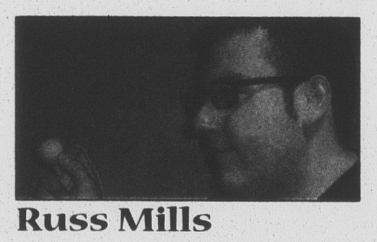
1. The Threat of Violence

The impending elections will bring a wave of terrorism and violence to Iraq from insurgents led by freedom fighter Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. The threat of beheadings and road side bombs will be more than enough to keep already fearful Iraqi's from voting.

Zarqawi said earlier this week in the Washington Post, "We have declared a fierce war on this evil principle of democracy and those who follow this wrong ideology." This determination by Zarqawi will hinder the Iraqi elections.

2. The Oppression of Women

Many women and Sunni's in Iraq are fearful to vote in the upcoming elections because of past history and traditions. Many women are embracing the opportunity to vote but only 25 percent of them have registered. Also many women in Iraq are saying that while the have the right to vote, they will vote for whom ever their husband or father is voting for.



Russ Mills
Campus Liberal

3. Fraud

Leaders from both the Sunni and Shiite parties are claiming that who ever wins the election that the results will not be legitimate because of the very real possibility of large scale voter fraud. The lack of UN and US election overseers in the Sunni providences where there is resistance will lead to a probability of rigged elections.

4. The Real Motive for Elections

The Iraqi elections are nothing more than another "Mission Accomplished" banner on the side of an aircraft carrier (or as I like to say "Nothing Accomplished").

The Bush Administration could care less if the Iraqi people pick their own leaders but rather is trying to build another smokescreen that will blind the good sense of the American people into thinking that Iraq is a success story.

The death of more than a thousand soldiers is not a success.

Bush looks at the elections as a step forward for the Iraqi people. With all the violence that is going to take place next Sunday, I think it is a drastic step backwards to have elections this soon.

5. Legitimate Elections: Something the US Knows a lot About

The rest of the world must be looking at the US policing the Iraqi elections and say to themselves, "What the hell do those Americans know about elections, the idiot who is in charge wasn't even democratically elected the first time?"

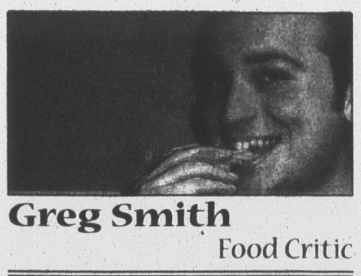
Any result from the Iraqi elections will be looked at with a condescending eye not only because of the threat of fraud but also because the US has such an interest in the outcome.

Overall, I feel the Iraqi elections are just another way for the Bush administration to try to justify its immoral and illegal pre-emptive war in Iraq. By showing people going to the polls on the TV, it will look like things are going alright in Iraq. If that is the case, why are more and more troops being deployed everyday?

Russ Mills is a senior political science major and is Vice President of SGA. He enjoys watching the Woodstock movie, while wearing his Birkenstocks, playing on his Apple computer and drinking Starbucks coffee.

Grubbin' with Greg

Leave the New Year's resolutions at home when going to Sghetti's



Greg Smith
Food Critic

I'm sure that many of you have made that very old and familiar New Years pledge to drop a few pounds or maybe even the freshmen fifteen that you put on from your time spent at good old Westminster.

Well for those of you who made it past the two week mark, congratulations, you can probably just stop reading this column right now.

However, if you have already broken your diet, then maybe you should keep on reading, that is if you're ready to divulge into some good old fashion Italian cooking. This week I took a tour of Italy at Sghetti's in New Castle.

I have to admit upon first glance the outside of the building doesn't quite catch your eye.

As a matter of fact, there's a good chance that you'll walk right past Sghetti's and not even be aware that you've walked by a culinary experience of a lifetime.

We must remember that the charm of any Italian restaurant isn't found in the building or on a fancy sign, it's found in the people - and more importantly the food.

Sghetti's provides a relaxing atmosphere that is nostalgic of an earlier, simpler, more welcoming time in American society.

The restaurants décor is slightly different from what you would expect to find at a typical Italian restaurant.

Instead of the cheesy pictures from different parts of Italy, fake plastic grapevines, and those damn chubby angels, Sghetti's décor consists of antique family pictures, impressive chinaware collected from Italy, and interesting murals painted on the walls.

Aside from providing an authentic atmosphere Sghetti's menu also aims to recreate an authentic Italian culinary experience. The menu has quite a large range of items to choose from such as salads, pasta, seafood, and sirloin.

Sghetti's standard menu offers an abundance of delectable and affordable items, but they also have an impressive list of daily specials.

I highly recommend starting out with an appetizer because they are just that good, particularly the spinach and artichoke dip.

I feel obligated to warn you not to gorge yourself full of appetizers because you will need to conserve some room for your choice of a freshly tossed salad or soup of the day that is included with your meal. As far as the portions of meals are concerned, you are eating at an Italian restaurant, which means the portions are going to be huge.

I had the Garlic Chicken with Bruschetta, which was ridiculously tasteful. Actually, I think I might take a break from writing this to go to the fridge and nibble on some of the leftovers I brought back home.

So how does Sghetti's stacks up in the great scheme of the Twinkie scale?

My first impression was that this place didn't look like anything special, but the service was fast and courteous, the portions large and filling, and the atmosphere was "magnifico!" My overall experience at Sghetti's compels me to rate them three and a half Twinkies out of four.

Until next week, keep on grubbin'.

Greg Smith is a senior political science major. He is President of the College Democrats, Treasurer of SGA, and co-founder of the Fatty Club.

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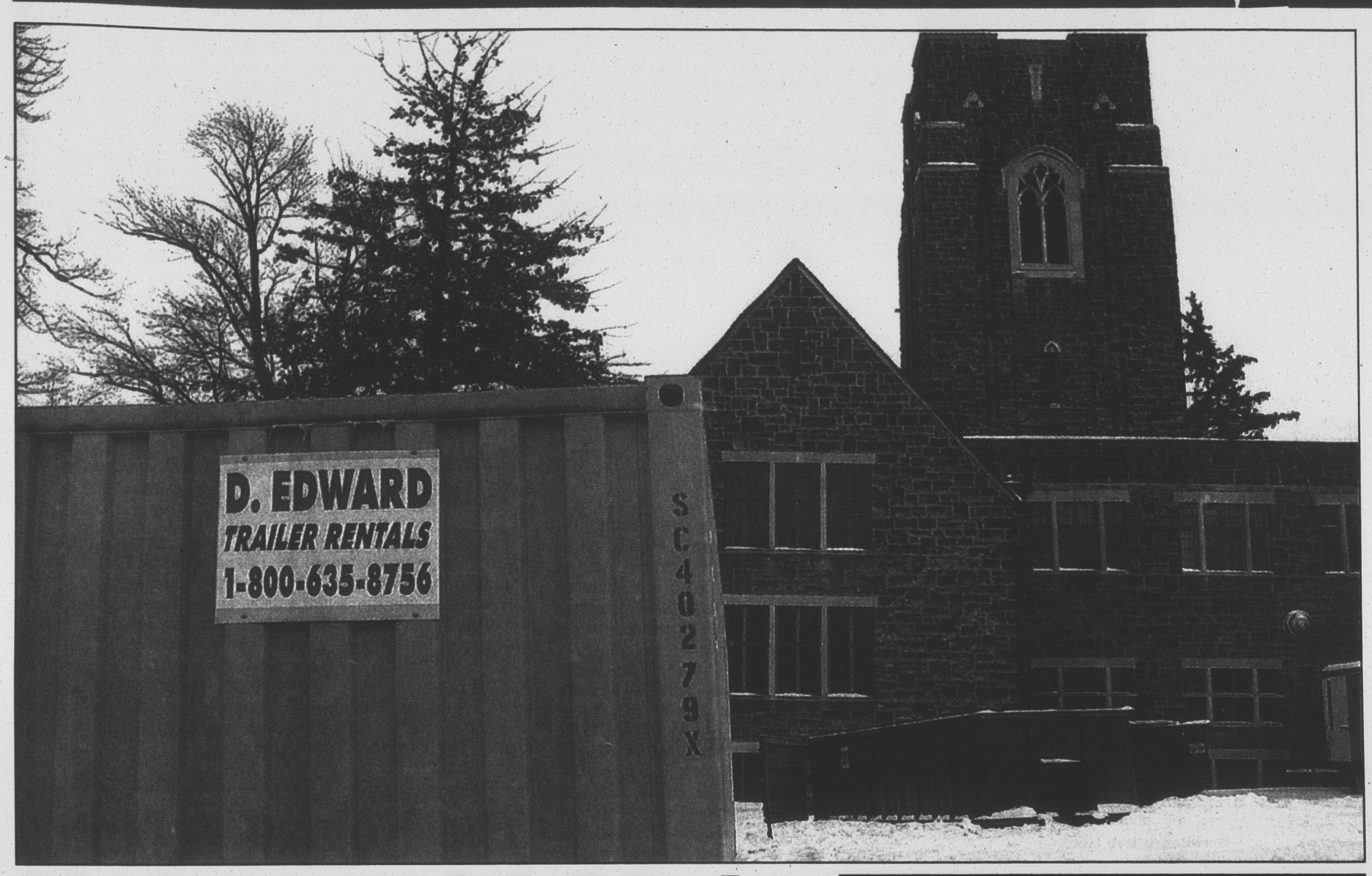

New off-campus housing underway

By Kristan Kohley
Campus Writer

Plans are underway to add three townhouse complexes to the housing options available for Westminster students. These complexes, which will cost the college an estimated $3 million, are slated to be complete for the fall semester of 2006.

The complexes, which include five townhouse units each, will be built in the open recreational field adjacent to and south of Russell Hall.

According to Molly Mistretta, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, the townhouses are being built to provide "transitional living, which will encourage students to develop skills that will enable them to live independently."

Each townhouse will contain four single bedrooms, a living room, bathroom, and kitchen. They will be fully furnished and include features that the current residence halls provide, including a broadband Internet connection.

Some new amenities, such as air conditioning, will be added. Extended leases will be available, allowing occupants to stay in the townhouses over holiday breaks and vacation periods throughout the year. Same-gender occupancy will be required within the units.

Much research and preparation has gone into this project.

Neal Edman, Dean of Student Affairs, along with other staff and SGA members, visited college campuses around the area in order to see the variety of townhouses already built. "These visits gave us the opportunity to see the programs different schools are using...what works and what doesn't work," Edman said. Youngstown State University, Thiel College and Walsh University were among the schools visited.

Students are anxiously anticipating the new housing, which will still maintain the close residential feel common to the campus.

"I think they will give students the chance to really start experiencing life on their own," said sophomore Anthony Beilstein.

Although most are excited about this new opportunity, there are some mixed feelings. "My only concern about the apartments is that it could hurt fraternity life. Giving men a third option could pull away from the numbers in the houses," said junior Colter McElree.

Room and board for these townhouses is approximately $4,500.00 per year, excluding any meal plans. Although the current meal plans will be available, they are not required. The process for choosing occupants for the new townhouses has not yet been decided; however, more information will be available as plans become finalized within the next few months.

Not so old Main

Are the necessary renovations being made?

By Kelly Mayhue
Campus Writer

The work on Old Main has begun, but there is a question as to whether or not the right renovations are being done.

The current construction plans include replacing the electrical wiring, installing a new heating and cooling system, updating the sprinklers, and putting in an elevator. These repairs have been relatively agreed upon, but there are some smaller projects such as repainting and carpeting that have caused discrepancies.

Questions have risen as to whether or not Old Main is not being renovated correctly. Some feel that the outside repairs such as replacing the roof, repointing the exterior walls and changing the windows should be done before the inside repairs.

"It matters how much of a gambler you are," said Thomas McCosby of McCosby T.W. Construction.

He said that a bad storm could easily ruin inside renovations by further deteriorating the outside conditions of the building. For example, a driving rain could cause a leaky roof or even permeate the crumbling mortar between the structure's bricks and damage the work that has already been done.

Ken Romig, vice president of finance and management, defended the college's decision to renovate the inside before the outside.

He said that the larger projects such as the electric and elevator defined the project as a major renovation which means that the entire building has to be brought up to code rather

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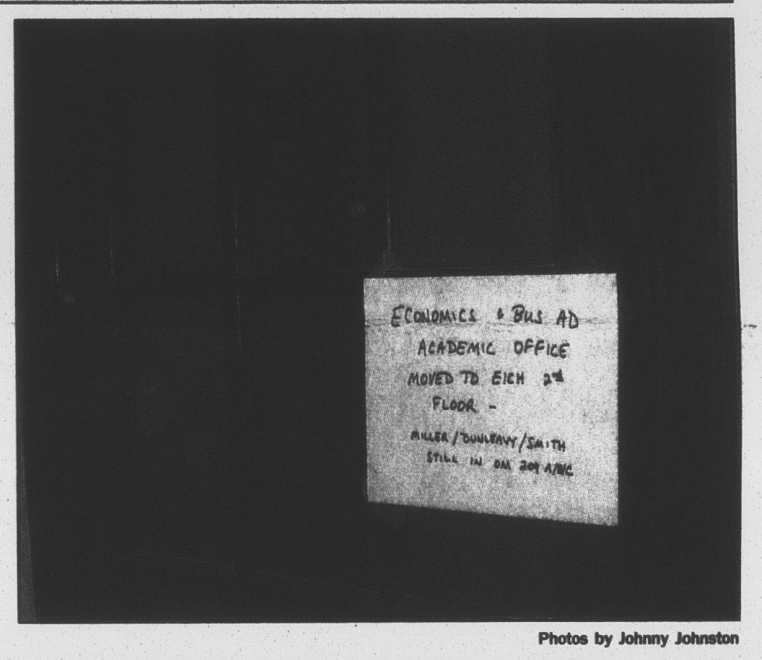

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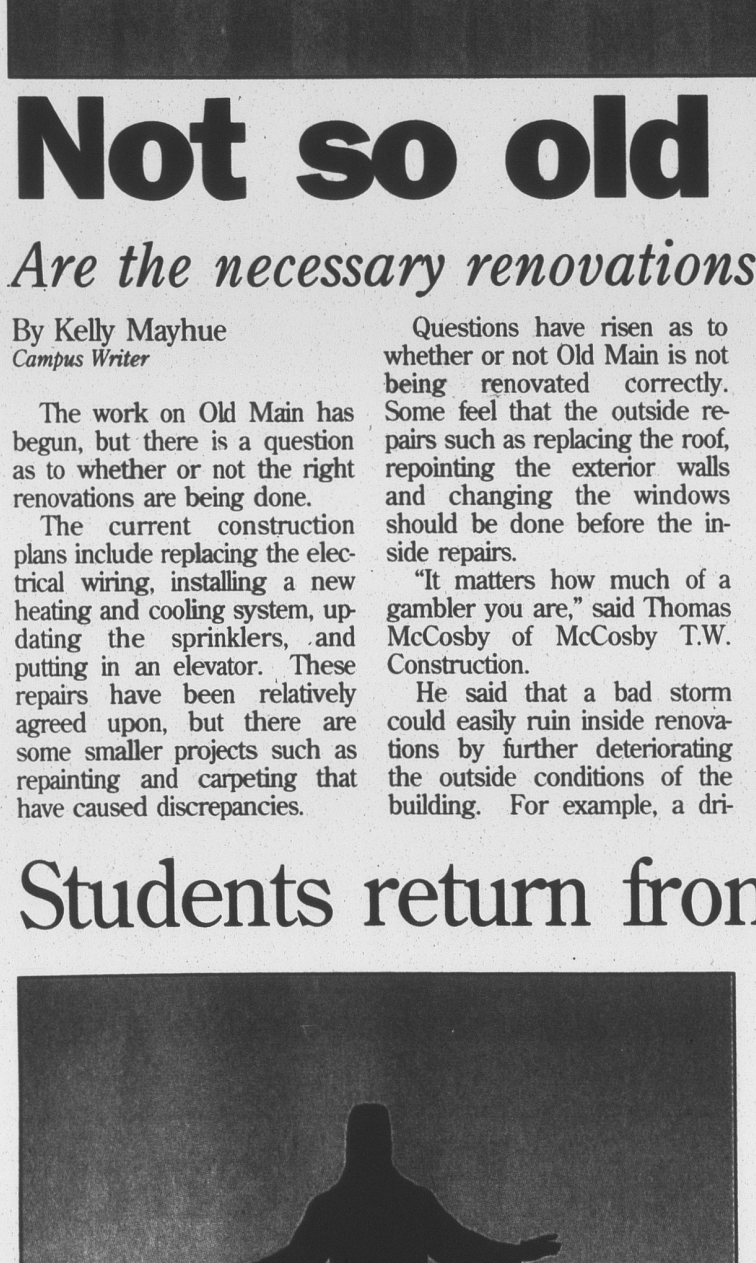
Top: Dumpsters outside of Old Main await debris from the building renovations. Above: A sign directs students to the business department's new home due to the construction.

Students return from abroad, share experiences



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Junior Brian Daniels did missionary work in Oaxaca, Mexico before heading to Guanajuato for his classwork.

By Jaycie Galbraith
Campus Writer

Several students led a surreal life last semester-spending their fall term studying abroad in a foreign country.

Jennifer Britton, Brian Daniels, Jacklyn Fair and Cindi Henderson were immersed in a new culture where they adopted a new language and way of life.

"A major difference was registering for classes. There was no registration really, and we would just show up in class and sign our name and ID number to a sheet," Britton said. "In one class there were at least ninety students in a classroom meant for thirty, about the size of a classroom in Old Main," he added.

Britton studied at the Otto-von-Guericke University in Magdeburg, Germany from Aug. 31 until Dec. 20. She lived in a student apartment with one roommate. In addition to taking four classes, Britton also played in an orchestra in the conservatorium near her apartment.

Daniels, a junior International Business and Spanish major, was in Oaxaca, Mexico from May 26 to July 31 doing missionary work. From Oaxaca, he traveled to Guanajuato, Mexico where he studied and stayed with a host family.

"They were a Christian family, which is very rare," Daniels said. "I had a mom and dad and three brothers who were 15, 17, and 19. They were just awesome. We would watch movies and play video games."

Daniels took languages classes with international students, but also took a history class with native Mexican students. He traveled to many different "pueblos" and really loved the Mexican food.

Fair, a junior Spanish major and Secondary Ed. and Music minor, participated in a

multi-country program from Sept. 4 until Dec. 11. She spent five weeks in Guanajuato, Mexico, three weeks in Buenos Aires, Argentina and five weeks in Sevilla, Spain. Fair stayed with a host family in all three countries, and had four hours of class each day.

"I met a lot of people from across the country," Fair said. "I think it's better not to go abroad with someone you know. I think you learn more about yourself. You become more independent."

Henderson, a senior International Business and Spanish major, studied at the University of Granada in Granada, Spain from late Aug. until the end of December. She stayed with a woman and her daughter, and also had an American roommate from Seattle.

"It's hard to be completely thrown into a new society and find out what's going on," Henderson said. "Siestas are really nice, though. From 2 or 2:30 p.m. until about 5 p.m., the whole city shuts down."

While all four students had unique experiences, they each agree that their trips were worthwhile, and they would go back if they had the chance.

"I would absolutely love to go back to Germany," Britton said. "The culture and people are so vastly different from what I'm used to, that the four months I spent there was just enough to sample things."

Britton, Daniels, Fair, and Henderson feel much more confident with their language skills after being surrounded by native speakers for an extended period of time. They are now re-adjusting to life on campus.

"It was good to be home at first because it was around the holidays," Fair said. "But it stinks because there is no one to speak Spanish with now."

Dr. Jeff Bersett is the Director of Off-Campus Study and Doreen Matune is his assistant. Bersett is also an Assistant Professor of Spanish. Both Bersett and Matune aid all students in planning their study abroad experience.

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Opinion

Rant & Rave

I caught you a delicious bass.

When you're smiling, the whole world's smiling with you. When you're mean, the whole world wants to kick you in the shins.

I hate Phil Collins.

Life is good... "Knock on wood."

I'm so glad it's February!

Don't put trash in the shoe bins, please.

I'm tired of being broke. Someone needs to give me a job.

How come the Tavern people never open the wall-doors and always leave a half-hour early?

Give some other winter sports some big articles - other than basketball, please!

If you're going to a movie on campus, remember to shut up when it starts. I don't wanna hear about your latest crush or how you're feeling. Just watch the darn movie!

That purple flower looks like it's hunting you.

Cigarette butts in the snow - what manners...

The world needs more boys with shaggy hair.

Yay! I'm finally in SGA!

You'd think that the Mall of America would have the parking lot of America...

Happy vendredi gras!

Go Eagles!

I'm sleepy. Is there any way I could minor in napping?

Did you know that the Super Bowl was named after a toy?

Row, row, row your boat.

From a distance, God is watching us.

I give the truth scope.

Groundhog's Day is a sham! A sham, I say!

All you need is love.

Stultus marmota.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Contentment or apathy: What drives leadership on campus?

Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

A group of nine students ran unopposed to control the most powerful student organization on campus! Does this seem weird or is it just me?

The deadline has passed and SGA, the most powerful and well-funded organization on campus, has begun transitioning control from one group to another. And while this process happens every year at Westminster College, this will be the second year in a row in which the transfer will be without challenge. A group of nine students ran unopposed to control the most powerful student organization on campus! Does this seem weird or is it just me?

Now don't get me wrong, last year when "Slate Rummel" ran unopposed we weren't exactly upset. Running unopposed allowed us to concentrate on creating an effective platform, while not having to worry about slogans, signs and taking goofy pictures. And also don't think for a second that "Slate Udanis" won't be just as good as Slate Rummel.

But what does all this mean? The lack of opposition could mean a few things. 1. The students are genuinely happy with Westminster and SGA and see no reason to run/change things. 2. The students are apathetic and don't really care who is in charge. 3. The students didn't realize that they could form a slate and run.

Whatever the deeper meaning, the one thing that this does reinforce is the fact that the same small group of people tend run everything on this campus. While our student leaders do an excellent job of shaping the way Westminster runs, my question is: why aren't more students taking charge and getting involved in leadership opportunities? Once again, is it Happy or Apathy?

If the answer for you is "apathy," then as hackneyed and obvious as it may seem, I suggest that you get involved. Every year more and more organization spring up on campus providing new points of view and new activities. And every year SGA sends out surveys asking for ideas of how to better the student community. These are prime opportunities to get involved and/or change the direction of campus life.

Yet every year there continues to be people who complain that there is nothing to do, they don't know what's going on or they don't think anyone listens to their concerns.

It is as if these people want Westminster to read their minds as to what they want, then personally invite them to participate and then make a big deal that they actually did something. "Great job! You left your room for once and did something!" or "Oh good! You didn't go home on the weekend again!"

Still not convinced of the power of the students? Go to a typical SGA meeting and see the many things that are discussed and addressed that most students are unaware of.

Did you know the SGA has been involved with the administration on developing apartment style housing on campus? Did you know SGA is pushing so that local businesses (aka Pizza Joes and Mugsies) will accept Titan Dollars? These potentially "big changes" are all because students said what they wanted and the SGA/administration is working to oblige.

In the end, while Westminster is not some perfect paradise where nothing is wrong; we must admit that the 'Minnie is not the most horrible place in the world to spend four years of your life. But please, if you don't like something, tell the proper people (aka SGA or the appropriate department), don't just sit and complain and expect things to get better by magic!

College, like most things, is what you make of it. So make something out of Westminster and get involved!

Rich Marmura is a senior, with a double major in political science and theatre. He is the Finance Chair for Student Government, the Assistant Set Designer for Theatre Westminster and a brother of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Letter to the Editor

Titan Radio clarifies music selection

I would like to respond to the comment in Jessica Bevan's entertainment editorial from last week. Her topic was musical artists who skip the phase of being unknown and jump directly to hit radio stations—"Except for Titan Radio—that'll take a few extra months."

This letter is in no way an attack on Miss Bevan, but rather a chance to inform the entire campus of how music selection at Titan Radio really works.

Our format is called Hot Adult Contemporary (Hot AC), similar to that of Star 100.7 in Pittsburgh. Stations such as Hot 101 and Kiss FM are considered Contemporary Hit Radio (CHR). Different formats mean that different types of music are played. I invite you to take a look at www.radioandrecords.com/Formats/Charts/HAC_Chart.asp, where you will find the Hot AC format charts that change weekly.

If you look at this chart, you will find that we are not only right on top of the songs, we are actually a bit ahead of them, anticipating future hits. If you check out the CHR chart on radioandrecords.com, you will see that the formats are quite different, but still have a lot of overlap.

We receive the same Hit Discs from TM Century (a worldwide leading broadcast service provider) that commercial radio stations receive with new singles that come out each week.

At Titan Radio, we diligently watch the charts and adjust our songs accordingly—getting rid of songs that are falling and giving more air time to those that are climbing the charts.

We also add brand new songs every week, which are played mostly at nighttime until they find their way onto the charts. There is even a specifically set meeting time that we do this. It isn't just done on the fly or sometimes forgotten about in the craziness of the week.

However, sometimes songs cross over to different formats. Hence the reason you heard Nelly and Tim McGraw's "Over and Over" on Kiss FM months before you heard it here. Before that time, it was strictly a Contemporary Hit Radio song and it eventually crossed over onto the Hot AC charts. This happens fairly often, as it sometimes takes awhile for a song to cross over.

Hopefully this gives everyone a little insight into how the songs at Titan Radio are chosen.

Heather Storm
Titan Radio Program and Music Director

Oops!

Last week's article, "Labs to charge for excess printing," contained some misunderstood information.

The article stated that "the computer science department has been talking about putting a limit on the number of pages one can print." The department of information systems is the department that handles such decisions.

The information systems department provides information technology services, while the computer science department is an academic department.

Also, the article alluded that information systems would begin charging students for printing as of next semester. Information systems stresses that it has not yet determined for sure when such a policy will go into effect.

The Instructional Resources Council has yet to review and make a final decision if and when students will begin to pay for printing. It will quite likely be in the fall, but as of yet it is not final.

Don't forget to check us out online!

http://www.westminster.edu/student/publications.cfm

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Outside the Bubble

Off Campus

PSU students plan amendment protest

By Kristin Colella
Collegian Staff Writer

Following the reintroduction of the Marriage Protection Amendment (MPA) to the U.S. Senate, students are starting a letter campaign to further protest the amendment.

"We're definitely concerned, and we will fight it at all costs to make sure it doesn't pass," Allies President Christy Merchant said.

"But we try not to give too much notice to it, because that justifies and [validates] the amendment being reintroduced," she added.

Originally called the Federal Marriage Amendment, the MPA defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman and was rejected last year. However, a group of Republican senators brought it to the floor again last week, once again sparking debate over the definition of marriage.

Merchant added that the senators in favor of passing the amendment represent only a small contingent of the Republican Party.

"They are drumming up trouble, bringing negativity to the LGBTA [lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered community and its allies] community for their own personal gain," she said.

College Republicans President Andy Banducci said he believes the amendment should be debated on the federal level.

"This is certainly something that we should have a public debate on," Banducci said. "The main point on this issue, which is difficult for a lot of people, even in the Republican Party, is the balance between liberty and whether government should have a say over the lifestyles of a lot of people."

College Democrats President Megan Green, though, said the amendment has been defeated by Congress and should not be reintroduced.

"I don't think that it really has much ground. They tried to do it once before, and it didn't succeed," she said. "It got shot down once already. I don't think it has a lot of clout."

Green also said there has been a growing trend of tolerance toward gay and lesbian couples in the United States, which will likely sway Congress to defeat the amendment for a second time.

"Personally, the only difference I see between gay marriage and non-gay marriage is tax benefits," Zachary Simonetti (senior-information sciences and technology) said.

"Why not give them [gay couples] the title? They should have the same rights as a man and a woman."

Andrew Wheelock (freshman-musical theatre) said he disagrees with the amendment because it infringes on personal freedoms and violates the separation of church and state.

"It's not fair for the state to make this amendment," he said, adding he does not believe it will be passed. "I'd like to believe it's going to be dismissed."

Chearine Pringle (freshman-electrical engineering) said she disagrees with gay marriage and thinks Congress could pass the amendment.

"I think that it's possible," she said.

National

Bush urges major overhaul of Social Security

By Terence Hunt
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush challenged a divided Congress on Wednesday to take the political risk of overhauling Social Security, the government's costliest social program and a cherished centerpiece of the New Deal. Bush's plan envisions that benefits promised to workers 55 and older would remain unchanged.

The president's message was spelled out by White House and GOP congressional officials in advance of his prime-time address to a joint session of Congress.

On the international front, Bush was expected to hail the elections in Iraq, the Palestinian territories and Afghanistan as signs that democracy was on the march around the world.

Emboldened by his re-election, Bush was calling on lawmakers to move on several controversial fronts, including liberalizing the nation's immigration laws, imposing limits on medical malpractice lawsuits and simplifying taxes.

Transforming Social Security is huge political gamble for Bush and for Republican allies wary of taking big political risks. While Bush cannot run for another term, most GOP lawmakers face re-election next year and are nervous about tampering with a system that Americans like and see no immediate need to overhaul.

Democrats, on the other hand, face a risk of appearing as obstructionists if they simply oppose all of Bush's plan.

Bush was to speak from the rostrum of the House chamber, with Vice President Dick Cheney and House Speaker Dennis Hastert seated behind him.

The capital's political establishment, from members of Congress and the Cabinet to the diplomatic corps and Supreme Court justices, was gathering for the address. Security was intense, as it was for Bush's inauguration Jan. 20. Police closed off streets surrounding the Capitol and its office buildings.

Democrats vehemently rejected Bush's proposal to divert Social Security taxes into private investment accounts, a plan that offers the possibility of higher returns as well as risks from the stock market, and almost certainly a cut in guaranteed benefits.

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid called Bush's plan dangerous and said there were other ways to deal with Social Security's projected financial problems. Social Security is expected to start losing money in 2018 or 2020, according to differing estimates from Social Security trustees and Congress' budget analysts, and to be unable to provide full benefits beginning in 2042 or 2052.

"It's wrong to replace the guaranteed benefit that Americans have earned with a guaranteed benefit cut of 40 percent or more," Reid said in the Democratic response to Bush's address.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., appearing with Reid, challenged Bush on Iraq.

"We all know that the United States cannot stay in Iraq indefinitely and continue to be viewed as an occupying force," she said. "Neither should we slip out the back door, falsely declaring victory but leaving chaos. ... We have never heard a clear plan from this administration for ending our presence in Iraq."

Bush was not expected to explain his Social Security proposal in detail or to talk about benefit cuts. He has pledged that current retirees would not encounter any benefit change under his plan, and the same would hold true for near-retirees. Congressional officials, citing administration briefers, said the cutoff was 55 and older.

A major overhaul of Social Security could be an important part of Bush's legacy. His political advisers say it also would be a landmark achievement that would win the support of a new generation of voters, much as Franklin D. Roosevelt had nearly 70 years ago when he signed the Social Security Act.

International

Ailing pope to remain hospitalized, says Vatican

By Victor L. Simpson
Associated Press Writer

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope John Paul II's doctors were on guard for complications Wednesday, a day after the frail, 84-year-old pontiff was hospitalized with the flu and breathing trouble.

Pneumonia remained a potentially deadly threat, but the Holy See insisted there was "no cause for alarm."

Roman Catholics from Poland to the Philippines prayed for his recovery.

The pope will be hospitalized for a few more days to afford "many means to stay ready for any complications," said Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragan, head of the Vatican's health care office.

The slumping pontiff also suffers from Parkinson's disease and crippling hip and knee ailments, and his inability to hold his back up straight has left his lungs and diaphragm in a crushed position, Barragan told Associated Press Television News.

Tests showed the pope's heart and respiration were normal, and he felt well enough to participate from his bed in a Mass celebrated by his secretary, said papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls.

He said John Paul was running a slight fever and would spend "a few more days" for treatment of respiratory problems at Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic, where he was taken by ambulance Tuesday night.

"There is no cause for alarm," Navarro-Valls said.

Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican secretary of state, also played down the severity of the illness Wednesday evening.

The pope was "recovering well," Sodano told private Italian TV Canale 5, adding that he expected the situation to improve in a few days.

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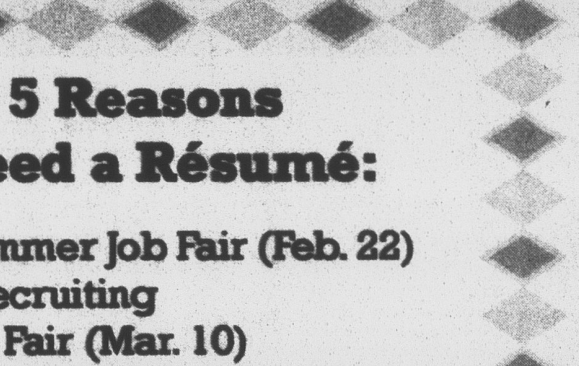

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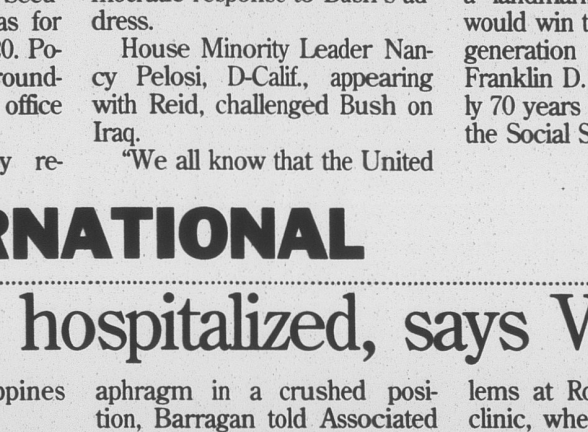

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Campus News

Senior PR major upholds winning tradition

By Sherri Slafka
Campus Writer

Senior Megan Sigler held up Westminster's long-running tradition of winning public relations students when she received the Renaissance Student Scholarship Award, recognizing her as this year's outstanding Western Pa. undergraduate student in public relations. The awards ceremony was held on Thursday, Jan. 27 at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh.

This marks the fourth time in the past five years that a Westminster student has won this prestigious competition, which includes applicants from the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, California University of Pennsylvania and Point Park College. A panel from the Pittsburgh chapter of the Public Relations Society of America judged the applicants based on their academic achievements, extracurricular activities, letters of endorsement and essays.

Sigler, who received a trophy and $1,000 scholarship, was honored to be chosen for the award. "Receiving this award has definitely been the biggest honor of my college career," said Sigler. "The best part is that it gets your face out there and opens doors for future job opportunities."

Sigler attended the Renaissance Awards banquet with Mr. Jim Raykie, a journalism professor and faculty advisor for The Holcad. The two share a common bond since Sigler is Editor-in-chief of The Holcad, and Raykie is Editor-in-Chief of The Herald.

"It's an awesome feeling to know that Westminster is having such an impact on the Pittsburgh PR community."
Professor Jim Raykie

"I was excited to go with Mr. Raykie because he's been a huge support throughout my college career and he's believed in everything I've wanted to accomplish with the Holcad," said Sigler.

Raykie introduced Sigler before she was awarded for her excellence in public relations at the event.

"It was an enjoyable evening for two reasons. First, of course, was to introduce Megan as this year's scholarship recipient. That's a special moment," said Raykie.

"The other was to get together with other Westminster grads like Katie Brentzel, Jenny Gross and Amanda Kengersky, all of whom are successful PR professionals in Pittsburgh who talk fondly about their days at Westminster and the experience that they gained in public relations while they were here. It's an awesome feeling to know that Westminster is having such an impact on the Pittsburgh PR community."

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Senior Megan Sigler receives the Renaissance Student Scholarship Award for her work in public relations alongside her professor, Jim Raykie, and Westminster public relations alumnae Katie Brentzel (2001), Amanda Kengersky (2003) and Jenny Gross (1999).

Past Westminster graduates who have received this award include Sara Ialongo in 2004, Amanda Kengersky in 2003 and Meghan Duda Corbin in 2001. Sigler, who completes the set in 2005, described her special night. "The banquet was very fancy and all of the important professionals from Pittsburgh were there. As dorky as it sounds, I felt like I was at the PR Academy Awards!" said Sigler.

Lecturer of Public Relations Mrs. Delores Natale credits both the public relations program and Sigler for her success.

"I firmly believe that the high standards established for the public relations program set by Dr. Jim Perkins and Dr. Deborah Mitchell have contributed to the type of success demonstrated by our students in winning this award. Megan is a skilled writer and since writing is the number one requirement of public relations professionals, I am not surprised that she won," said Natale.

In addition to the Holcad, Sigler stays very active in campus life. She is a writing teaching assistant at the Learning Center and an executive board member for the Public Relations Student Society of America and Omicron Delta Kappa, the leadership honorary society. She is also involved in Theater Westminster, Alpha Psi Omega, the theater honorary society, and her sorority, Sigma Kappa. Sigler interned the past two summers with the Society of Automotive Engineers in Warrendale, Pa.

Flooded rooms in Hillside evacuated

By Sarah Ubry
Campus Writer

No one likes to hear the sound of the alarm ringing them into full coherence - but students living in Hillside bolted straight up from their reverie last Tuesday morning to a reverberating emergency alarm.

"The fire alarm went off around a quarter after seven," said first floor resident Ashley Roberts. "Everyone went outside in slippers assuming it was just a drill, but after standing outside for a few minutes, we were told to walk to Jeffers because it would be a while."

Jeffers residents were forced to welcome their early morning visitors.

"We didn't know what was going on, and they told us there had been a fire and a flood," says freshman Jeffers resident Danica Scott. "Jeffers is about one eighth the size of Hillside, so it was pretty packed with a bunch of very unhappy, cold girls in their pajamas."

The girls were allowed to return about a half hour later, but told to use the side entrance.

When they walked inside the building, they found their first floor hallway covered over in rising waters.

"My hallway was under water and so was my room," said Roberts.

The cold weather burst a sprinkler pipe on the north stairwell of the ground floor causing three rooms to flood.

In total, the north side of the building, the laundry room and a portion of the Hillside Residence Director, Kim Spead's office and apartment were sloshed with water.

Custodian Tracey Black responded to the emergency gaining control of the situation by nine o'clock, but Roberts adds that with the help of Black, it still took her almost the whole day to clean and dry out her room.

"We took everything out of my room, washed some clothes, and hung my rugs to dry," she said, "but everything that was touching my floor was wet and a lot of it was ruined."

Not only was there damage done to some of the girls possessions but to the building as well.

"Minor damage was done to the building and we are still assessing the damage done to the rooms," said physical plant director Owen Wagner. "I suppose that some items will need to be repaired or replaced."

Wagner said that because of the heating malfunction and the cold weather, physical plant's currently trying to ensure that enough heat transfers through the pipes so that doesn't happen again.

Even though students lost some sleep and some damage was done, Wagner said that there is a slight upside to the situation.

"It does show that the alert system did work," he said.

Congresswoman Hart speaks out to campus community

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer

The past Monday, 4th District Congresswoman graced the campus for a few hours, speaking candidly to more than 25 eager students and faculty in the Berlin Student Lounge.

The lunchtime meeting, sponsored by the sociology and political science departments welcomed Congresswoman Melissa Hart warmly.

Hart focused her hour-long speech on her Congressional term and recently wining of a seat on the prestigious Ways & Means Committee.

Students there eagerly absorbed her speech, later posing questions pertaining to their constituency, their future jobs and social security fears.

Carsen Nesbitt, freshman political science major, said of the congresswoman's appearance, "She had great presence."

Hart voiced her opinions freely hitting on hot topics ranging from the current elections in Iraq, foreign trade and even a little on the re-drawing the congressional lines in Texas.

When Colby King, sophomore political science major, addressed Hart about his fear of Social Security becoming less "social" and less "secure."

Hart quelled the concern enunciating, "Younger Americans have nothing to fear. The President's plan is to create what will be a safe investment, 401 K's and bonds. If we don't do anything about it now, by the time you retire, you may have nothing. I may have nothing. It's not about privatization, it's about reform."

King was pleased with the answer Hart provided.

"She did take in the considerations of the people that vote for her. Her answers were well polished. It's clear to me she knew what she was talking on," said King.

"She basically came in and said, 'I'm here, and I'm doing great things for this for this area...doing great things for this country.' An amazing aura," added Nesbitt about the speech's content.

Hart also spent time at the local UPS Distribution Center to speak about international shipping laws.

She explained on the "County Line" this week how powerful the current postal competition with DHL, a foreign shipping company, is for her constituents.

She fears that with foreign trade mixing on American soil, "we always need to be doing right for an American company and American employees."

She says it's always important to help and protect our own American businesses.

"Our government doesn't always do that," added Hart.

More information on the Congresswoman can be found at www.hart.house.gov.

Renovations

Old Main undergoes construction

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than just the areas being worked on. This explains the projects such as installing glass in the tower's second-floor indoor windows and widening the doorways in the stairwells.

Romig also said that it was more cost efficient to do the smaller, inside projects now. The new heating and cooling system was not a requirement of the code, but the administration hopes to save some money by installing it while the walls are still torn open. To do it later would require more money to pay for the time it would take to re-open the walls.

Although there has been some disagreement, the board has decided to go ahead with their original plans to renovate the inside of the building.

"I'm hopeful we can get to them, but I don't think it will happen anytime soon," Romig said, in reference to the outside projects.

Some other changes students will see in Old Main are new ceilings, restrooms on the second and third floors, an upgraded fire alarm system, and new suites for the business and economics department and the business office. One thing that is not included in the current floor plan is the second-floor computer lab. The only changes that will affect the chapel are the sprinklers and paint job.

The project will cost about $3 million. The college has almost all of the funds which mainly consist of foundational grants and private donations. No student money will be used.

The renovations are estimated to be completed by August 15.

Physical Plant keeps walkways clear during winter season

By Sean Henderson
Campus Writer

The winter season can be very fun for sled riding, snowball fights and snowman making, but when it comes to the cold temperatures and bad roads, winter on campus can sometimes be more of a hassle then fun for the college physical plant.

"The physical plant is responsible for college roadways, sidewalks, and entrances," Director of the physical plant Owen Wagner said.

According to Wagner, there isn't a set schedule for snow removal; it is done when it needs to be done. The grounds crew is responsible for clearing and salting the sidewalks, roads, and parking lots on campus. The custodians are responsible for the entrances in and around campus. "There are requirements to keep the entrances free and open weather the buildings are occupied or not. Custodians have a snow callout procedure," Wagner said.

The grounds crew is informed by security what needs done and where. When the grounds crew is called out, they work in two different shifts from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Grounds crewmembers can be called out for snow removal on weekends and holidays. According to Wagner, the sidewalks are plowed, shoveled, and salted, and the roadways are salted. The parking lots are plowed as best as the grounds crew can due to the cars. The custodians shovel out all entranceways fifteen to thirty feet away from the doorway.

"I have an 8:10 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and when I walk to class there is never any snow on the sidewalks, so I think they are doing a good job," sophomore business major Jake Creese said

When it is not snowing, the physical plant stays busy inspecting and fixing equipment. They also get themselves and the equipment prepared to go out when they are called.

"I think the physical plant does a good job with snow removal, I always see the little trucks clearing the roads and sidewalks," senior public relations major Katie Fisher said.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 47	High 48	High 49	High 46	High 43	High 32	High 30
Low 32	Low 34	Low 36	Low 32	Low 22	Low 13	Low 14
Sunny to partly cloudy	Mild with sun, some clouds	Chance of a little rain	Chance for rain or drizzle	A bit of rain possible	Overcast; chance flurries	Mostly cloudy

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	7:28 a.m.	5:43 p.m.
Sunday	7:27 a.m.	5:44 p.m.
Monday	7:26 a.m.	5:46 p.m.
Tuesday	7:25 a.m.	5:47 p.m.
Wednesday	7:24 a.m.	5:48 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Saturday	4:57 a.m.	1:37 p.m.
Sunday	6:03 a.m.	2:49 p.m.
Monday	6:57 a.m.	4:09 p.m.
Tuesday	7:39 a.m.	5:32 p.m.
Wednesday	8:12 a.m.	6:53 p.m.

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Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 23	Mar 3

Weather History

The "Blizzard of '78" was in its early stages on this date in 1978. A prolific snow producer, it dumped 14 inches in Baltimore, 16 inches in Philadelphia and 18 inches in New York City.

Regional Cities

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	48	31	s	47	37	s	50	36	r	49	33	sh	40	20	r
Butler, PA	47	31	s	50	33	s	49	35	r	46	31	sh	45	22	sh
Cambridge, OH	48	30	s	55	36	s	52	38	r	54	36	sh	46	23	r
Canton, OH	48	30	s	50	36	s	50	36	r	50	33	sh	42	22	r
Cincinnati, OH	53	35	s	55	41	pc	52	41	r	56	35	pc	44	22	c
Clarion, PA	47	31	s	48	33	s	47	34	r	43	31	sh	41	24	r
Clarksburg, WV	51	28	s	53	35	s	56	37	sh	52	36	c	49	24	sh
Cleveland, OH	47	33	s	50	37	s	50	38	r	49	35	sh	41	22	r
Columbus, OH	48	36	s	54	38	s	52	40	r	53	37	sh	43	22	r
Cumberland, MD	49	32	s	48	35	s	49	35	sh	46	34	sh	47	26	r
Erie, PA	42	31	s	48	38	s	49	37	r	48	34	sh	40	23	r
Franklin, PA	48	32	s	49	33	s	49	35	r	45	31	sh	42	20	sh
Greensburg, PA	48	34	s	54	38	s	52	39	sh	49	36	sh	49	27	r

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Greenville, PA	46	32	s	45	35	s	48	36	r	46	32	r	40	20	r
Grove City, PA	47	31	s	48	33	s	49	35	r	46	31	r	44	20	r
Hagerstown, MD	48	31	s	48	33	s	47	33	pc	46	34	r	46	28	r
Indiana, PA	48	31	s	51	37	s	51	38	r	48	37	sh	47	27	r
Jamestown, NY	44	30	s	47	35	s	44	34	r	42	31	sh	37	19	i
Kittanning, PA	49	32	s	51	36	s	50	38	r	48	34	sh	47	25	r
Lisbon, OH	48	32	s	50	36	s	50	36	r	48	33	sh	41	21	r
Mansfield, OH	46	32	s	51	36	s	51	37	r	48	33	sh	40	19	r
Marietta, OH	50	31	s	58	37	s	54	41	sh	56	40	sh	49	25	c
McKeesport, PA	46	30	s	50	34	s	50	36	r	46	36	r	50	26	r
Meadville, PA	46	33	s	46	36	s	47	37	r	45	33	sh	38	22	r
Morgantown, WV	49	32	s	55	36	s	52	38	sh	54	39	sh	54	27	r
New Castle, PA	48	33	s	49	34	s	49	36	r	47	32	r	43	22	r

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Oil City, PA	49	33	s	49	34	s	47	35	r	45	32	sh	42	21	r
Pittsburgh, PA	46	30	s	52	34	s	50	36	r	48	36	r	48	24	sh
Sharon, PA	46	32	s	47	34	s	49	36	r	46	32	r	41	21	r
Somerset, PA	44	31	s	48	34	s	49	35	sh	42	32	sh	42	24	r
Steubenville, OH	47	34	s	50	36	s	50	38	r	51	36	sh	49	23	r
Uniontown, PA	49	30	s	53	35	s	53	37	sh	53	37	sh	53	25	sh
Warren, OH	47	32	s	47	35	s	50	36	r	47	33	sh	41	20	r
Washington, PA	48	28	s	51	32	s	50	37	sh	51	35	sh	50	22	sh
Waynesburg, PA	47	30	s	53	34	s	52	37	sh	52	37	sh	52	25	sh
Wheeling, WV	48	35	s	54	36	s	51	39	sh	51	37	sh	50	23	r
Youngstown, OH	46	32	s	47	34	s	49	36	r	46	32	sh	41	20	r
Wooster, OH	46	30	s	50	34	s	50	37	r	49	32	sh	42	19	r
Zanesville, OH	50	31	s	56	36	s	52	39	r	54	37	sh	46	22	r

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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Just keep swimming...

Men and women's swim teams advance to 2005 PAC championships

Photo by Willis Bretz

Nate Horrell takes in some air as he reaches into the water while swimming against Baldwin-Wallace on January 29. The Titans defeated Baldwin-Wallace 119-80 while the Lady Titans were victorious 111-86.

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The men's and women's swim teams ended their dual meet season on an excellent note as both took care of Baldwin- Wallace College.

The men defeated the Yellowjackets 119-80 to move 9-1 on the season; their female counterparts added their seventh win of the year (7-3) with their 111-86 victory.

The men were able to bounce back from their prior poor performance with spectacular swimming from Ryan Trunk, who was a triple winner.

Trunk placed first in the 50 and 100 meters as well leading the 200-meter freestyle relay team to the win.

Junior Josh Hensler, sophomore Adam Rady and freshmen Ian Yarger and Tom Benoit were double winners for Titans.

Hensler was a winner in the 500-meter freestyle and was the lead leg in the winning 400-meter relay team.

Rady took first in the 200-meter freestyle, while Yarger also placed first in the 200-meter butterfly. Benoit was also member of the 200 freestyle relay along with Trunk.

The ladies were lead by sophomores Sara Bonchosky and Megan McLaughlin.

Both ladies were double winners. Bonchosky took first in the 1oo freestyle and in the 200 IM.

McLaughlin swam to the victory in the 200-meter backstroke and the 1,000-meter freestyle.

Other winners for the Titans were freshmen Becky Giles and Steph Peters.

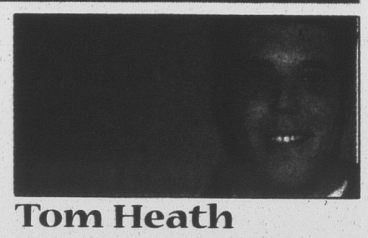
Both women were members of the winning 400-medley relay team.

Giles was also able to capture first in the 200-meter butterfly while Peters won first in the 200-meter freestyle.

Both teams will be back in the pool for the 2005 PAC championships held at Grove City College.

The ladies will be look to go for a three-peat, as they are the two-time defending PAC champions.

The men will look to bounce back from their second place finish at last years meet.



Tom Heath
Sports Editor

Let's go Eagles

Although the Pittsburgh Steelers were unable to cap off a remarkable season with a trip to Jacksonville for the Super Bowl, life goes on.

The game will still be played between the Eagles representing the NFC and the Patriots from the AFC.

Here are a few things which I feel will play a factor in the game this Sunday.

Philadelphia is out in full force. The city of brotherly love is in dire need of a championship of some sort. The last time that Philly had any sort of championship was in the 1980s when Dr. J and Moses Malone led the 76ers to an NBA championship.

Ex-Philadelphia mayor and current Governor Ed Rendell actually pushed back the potential approval of the state budget for the 2005 fiscal year to Wednesday to "avoid any scheduling conflict," according to his secretary. In my book, this is quite a bold move.

If the Eagles are unable to capitalize, not just Philly, but the rest of the great state of Pennsylvania may be rather upset with one Mr. Rendell.

The last time that the Eagles played for the World Championship was in Super Bowl XV. They were defeated by the Raiders 27-10.

There is still salt in the wounds, especially since the past few years they have been so close, yet so far away. The fans are waiting impatiently and without a doubt ready.

Can the Pats win 3 out of the last 4? I really do believe that this is a possibility. New England is totally capable of accomplishing this task. The offense, as well as defense, kicked in into high gear against the Steelers at Heinz Field two weeks ago.

Tom Brady was automatic and picked apart the highly thought of Pittsburgh defense in the rout.

Offensive Coordinator Charlie Weis, who will coach the Irish of Notre Dame next season, called the right plays at the right time. The question is, will his offense be able to handle the Eagle defense? I think so, but the real question is, will the defense, led by Romeo Crennel be able to stop Westbrook, McNaab, Lewis, and maybe even T.O.?

Even though T.O. is very showy and disliked by many, he is a playmaker. Before his injury, he was hard to stop. The real question is if he will be able to perform at a level worthy of a Super Bowl ring?

He may be a factor, but since his injury, Philly has effectively spread the ball around. Due to this, I believe that the game is in the hands of the offense.

All I can really say is to expect fireworks from both of these high-powered offenses.

In the end, to the dislike to some of my friends who are Patriot fans, I have to go with the Eagles. They are long overdue and I'm feeling a great sense of Pennsylvania Pride.

The Keystone State hasn't been home to the Super Bowl Champions since the 1970's. Besides, Gov. Rendell moved his date with the PA Budget until this coming Wednesday. If that isn't a good sign, I don't know what is. Also, Rocky Balboa is from Philly, and he's a champion. Go Eagles!

Tom Heath is a junior political science Major from Erie, Pa. He is member of the football team, College Republicans and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

Is there life after the Super Bowl?

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

The week before the Super Bowl is a slow week in sporting news, so I turn my attention to what we can expect out of 2005 after Super Sunday.

With each day, it is becoming more likely that there will be no hockey this season.

Does anyone really care? Has anyone even noticed?

I recently saw a preseason baseball talk show. Each pundit was raving about how we can expect this upcoming baseball season to be as competitive as any in years.

Oh yeah?

After paying closer attention, I realized the four-member panel consisted of baseball writers from Boston, New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

Of course baseball will be competitive this season. You just have to live in a large enough market.

In the American League, the Yankees and Red Sox will battle until late October.

If anyone else in the A.L. has a chance, it's the newly named "The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim." (Need that L.A. market.)

In the National League, the Mets and Marlins were the big off-season winners and it will show on the field.

But again, does it really matter?

The National League is rapidly becoming the NHL.

The Yankees and Red Sox matter. That's baseball. That's good baseball drama.

In Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Milwaukee, and Cincinnati, no pennants will be won this season.

Let's face it, pursuing Pedro Astacio and signing Benito Santiago (Pirates) is like signing Bert and Ernie to the signing of Pedro Martinez and Carlos Beltran (Mets).

All in all, I expect a subway series in 2005. Mets versus Yankees in all the detestable New York City series. Yankees in six.

That's my baseball preview, but there are other things we can expect this year in the world of sports and entertainment.

Here's a few:

- During halftime at the Super Bowl, I bet Paul McCartney keeps his clothes on.

- Good Charlotte will continue making music, and continue doing so badly.

- Tiger got his groove back. Hopefully. A fierce Tiger is good for golf.

- Matt Leinhart will do what Matt Leinhart does. He'll win Heisman trophies, National Championships, and date beautiful Southern Californian girls. Can you imagine being that guy?

- The Dominican national anthem will play at all Orioles home games. The entire team will sing along.

- There will be no Kobe without Shaq.

I could go on all day, but I'm going to listen to Donavon Frakenreiter and fill out an application for Hollister.

Hey, it's a slow week in sports.

PAC Players of the Week

A pair of Westminster College basketball standouts have each been named PAC Player of the Week for the week ending January 30, 2005.

Senior forward Pat O'Connor was named PAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week.

O'Connor led the Titans to a 2-0 PAC week by averaging 21.0 points, 8.5 rebounds, 4.5 steals and 1.0 blocks per game.

He posted a season-high 32 points (one off his career-high), including eight three-pointers, in a 116-101 win over W&J

O'Connor then tallied a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds in a 113-98 win at Waynesburg.

Senior forward Mary Jane Eaton was tabbed as PAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week.

Eaton averaged 21.0 points, 9.5 rebounds and 2.5 steals per game as the Lady Titans went 1-1 in PAC play.

She posted a game-high 25 points with 11 rebounds and four steals in a 65-55 loss to league leader Washington & Jefferson Wednesday, then posted a team-best 17 points and eight caroms in a 64-51 win at Waynesburg Saturday.

Photo by Willis Bretz

Desiree Sterling looks for a teamate to pass the ball off to during the Lady Titans' game against Bethany on January 24. The Lady Titans defeated Bethany 77-50.

Ladies defeat Waynesburg, 64-51

The women's basketball team broke open a 30-30 halftime tie by outscoring Waynesburg College 34-21 in the second half en route to a 64-51 PAC victory on Saturday in Waynesburg.

The Lady Titans, who have now won six of their last seven games, improved to 13-5 overall and 4-1 in the PAC. The Yellow Jackets dropped to 8-9, 0-5 in league play.

Waynesburg jumped out to a quick 7-2 lead just two minutes into the game, but Westminster rallied to take the lead at 9-7 and held an advantage the rest of the period, leading by as many as 11 points.

However, the Jackets closed the half with a 15-4 run in the final nine minutes to knot the game 30-30 at intermission. The Lady Titans then took control early in the second half, opening the period with a 16-3 run in the first six minutes to lead 46-33.

Senior forward Mary Jane Eaton led Westminster in scoring for the second consecutive game with a team-high 17 markers, while tying classmate Erica Tallo for team rebound honors with eight apiece.

Freshman guard Emilee Ackerman was the only other Lady Titan to score in double figures with 13 points.

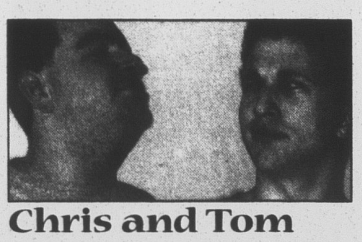
Senior guard Alyson Gasper dished out a game-high six assists, while sophomore guard Desiree Sterling paced the squad with three steals.

Trista Murphy was the top gun for Waynesburg with 15 points.

Westminster women's basketball returns home to Buzz Ridl Gymnasium next Saturday, Feb. 5, against PAC foe Grove City College beginning at 2 p.m.

Arts & Entertainment

The Aviator and Sideways: Two sides of the Oscar season



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

Tom: With the countdown to Oscar quickly approaching, Chris and I decided to review two of the major contenders for that coveted best picture crown. Martin Scorsese's The Aviator chronicles the life of the legendary Howard Hughes.

Who was Howard Hughes you ask? Well, Hughes was known for so many different things throughout his life, that he was basically an icon.

He was the richest man in the world, as a result of inheriting a fortune as a child. He then focused on making movies, and when he made movies, he made them in large scale.

He was a major player in Hollywood, as he romanced Katharine Hepburn and Ava Gardner, among others. Later in life, he focused on building airplanes and helping the war effort. He bought TWA airlines and successfully fought to prevent the airline industry from becoming monopolized. He also became mentally disturbed as his obsessive fear of germs drove him to madness. Obviously, for a film to attempt to tell this man's tale is a challenge and what is so refreshing about The Aviator is that it succeeds brilliantly.

While the film does not follow Hughes until his death, a large portion of his life is shown. Scorsese is able to keep momentum throughout, allowing this film to soar even as it reaches two hours and forty-five minutes!

This is certainly an accomplishment, and it is helped along by the strong performances, particularly by Leonardo DiCaprio as Hughes himself. While DiCaprio does not seem like the logical choice in this role, he surprises with a forceful performance that is easily the best of his career.

Cate Blanchett is also one of the highlights of the film as she not only creates Katharine Hepburn, but she also shows the audience a private side to Kate the Great that no one ever saw.

The Aviator is nominated for eleven Academy Awards, including nods for Scorsese, DiCaprio, Blanchett, and Alan Alda. Will Scorsese finally get his long overdue Oscar? Will Blanchett win for portraying the most Oscared actor of all time? Lots of questions about this film but regardless it is an accomplishment that any film buff must see. A

Chris: It has been six years since Shakespeare in Love's upset win at the Academy Awards, and Sideways is the first all-out comedy that has been nominated since for Best Picture.

The darling of critics across the country, Sideways seemed to be The Aviator's main competition for months. However, a snub for lead actor Paul Giamatti seems to have derailed the film's chances, not only for Best Picture, but for all its competing categories.

Despite the fading chance for Oscar gold, Sideways is still a movie that will make audience think and certainly laugh.

Sideways is a story about Miles Raymond (Paul Giamatti) who is searching for some meaning to his life. To do so, he takes his best friend Jack (Thomas Haden Church) on a rather unorthodox bachelor party. Driving across the western coast of California to the vineyards, Miles attempts to refine Jack and teach him to appreciate a fine wine.

Jack, however, is more concerned about exploring his freedom one last time before the big day. In doings so they meet up with a young waitress named Maya and her friend Stephanie.

Their adventure takes them on a course where they learn more about each other than ever before, but more importantly, they learn about themselves.What makes this movie special is that it is about relationships. Like most of the best films of all time, Sideways explores how human beings interact with one another and why we change around different types of people.

The film explores honest feelings, sexual endeavors, mother-son relationships, affairs, platonic friendships, etc. The flaws of each character equal (or in some cases like Jack's outweigh) their positive aspects. Within the four main characters, nearly everyone of any age will find something they can relate to.

The story is simple but really hits home for many people. Some are calling it The Big Chill for this generation. Unfortunately, this does not mean the college student.

Just by watching this film, though, our generation can get an idea of what we may look like in ten to twenty years. Sideways may allow us to take something away that could improve our generation over our predecessors.

This film is certainly not for everyone. Extremely suggestive and foul language, along with adding to the recent trend of male nudity, may put off some potential viewers.

But if there was a film you could put those things aside for this year, Sideways is it. Low marketing funds and dwindling Oscar chances will drive Sideways out of the theaters sooner than it should, so hurry and see one of the best comedies in a long time and certainly the only one to get an A this Oscar season.

Chris Medjesky is a fifth-year physics major, who stuck around for an extra year just for the film studies minor. Tom Oyer is a senior sociology major and a film studies minor.

Bill could allow companies to sanatize movies

By Jesse J. Holland
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Legislation that would enable parents to skip movie scenes deemed offensive on DVDs is moving quickly in Congress.

It also would create stiffer penalties for people who bring videocameras into theaters to make pirated copies.

"Parents have a right to decide what their children see on television and no one should deny them that right," said Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, who introduced the bill in the House.

"Fortunately, technology exists that shields children from violence, sex, and profanity. It is the electronic equivalent of fast-forwarding over unwanted content."

The legislation was introduced because Hollywood studios and directors had sued to stop the makers and distributors of the technology.

The movies' creators had argued that changing the content would violate their copyrights.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said the bill would create an exemption in the copyright laws to make sure companies like ClearPlay, a Salt Lake City business, won't get sued out of existence.

The bill "will help to end aggressive litigation threatening the viability of small companies like ClearPlay which are busy creating innovative technologies for consumers that allow them to tailor their home viewing experience to their own individual or family preferences," Hatch said last week.

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Westminster College
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Calendar

February 04, 2005

11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Mardi Gras Booths and Carnival Games — MCC Witherspoon Rooms

7:30 PM Guest Artist Organ Recital: Dana Robinson — Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

8:05 PM Mardi Gras Fireworks

8:30 PM Mardi Gras Magic with Wayne Hoffman, Mentalist/Illusionist — Orr Auditorium

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

February 05, 2005

Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field at Mount Union Invitational

2:00 PM Women's Basketball vs. Grove City (H) — Memorial Field House

4:00 PM Men's Basketball vs. Grove City (H) — Memorial Field House

7:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

February 06, 2005

3:00 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

3:00 PM Student Recital: Ariel Mickle — Wallace Memorial Chapel

6:15 PM IFC Meeting — MCC 255

7:00 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

February 07, 2005

Sorority Meetings

11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel

5:00 PM Biology Seminar — Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple

9:30 PM Lambda Sigma Meeting — Patterson 114

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

February 08, 2005

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12:45 PM Career Center Resumania — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

5:15 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314

6:30 PM Dodgeball Benefit (sponsored by Public Relations Experiential Group) — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

9:00 PM Newman Club — MCC Witherspoon Maple

9:00 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

February 09, 2005

Last Day to Drop ($15 Fee)

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Sandra Webster, "A Psychological Investigation of the Silk Road: Western China, Summer 2004" — MCC Mueller Theater

11:45 AM Faculty Forum — MCC Mueller Theater

4:30 PM Lambda Sigma Tea for First-Year Students — MCC Club/Lounge

5:00 PM Biology Seminar — Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt

6:00 PM Women's Basketball at Thiel — Memorial Field House

7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service — Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Circle K Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall

8:00 PM Men's Basketball at Thiel

February 10, 2005

10:00 AM Men's and Women's Swimming at PAC Championships (Grove City College)

11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting — MCC 255

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12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Single Room Drawing — MCC Witherspoon Maple

5:00 PM Seekers Exec Meeting — MCC 352

5:30 PM S.A.D.D. Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM CPU Hero Pageant — MCC Club/Lounge

8:00 PM Mortar Board Meeting — Patterson 231

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

Last weeks's answers

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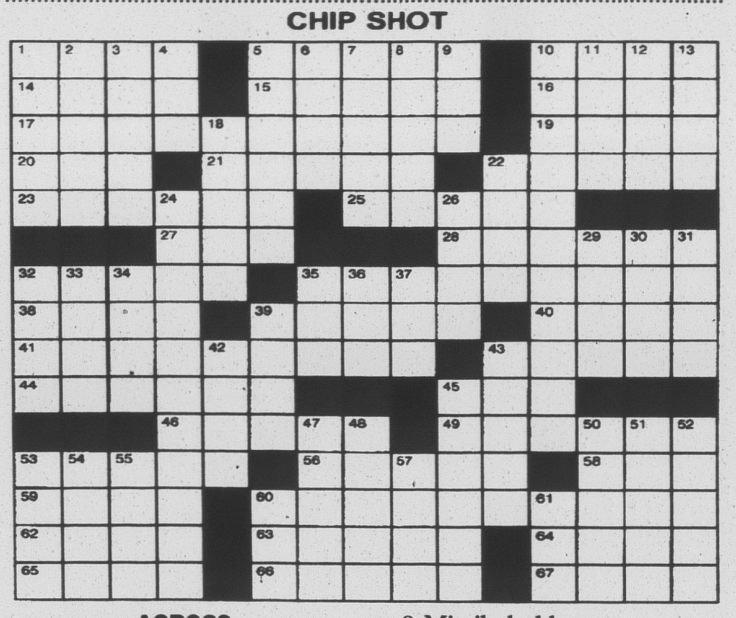

ACROSS

1 Far-reaching
5 Kin of a pelican
10 Wampum unit
14 Hip bones
15 Provide
16 Carry on
17 Quibble
19 Actress Moran
20 Ah, so!
21 Gets an edge on
22 Toss about
23 Rogue
25 Corn plant
27 Free
28 Woodworker's tools
32 Burdened Titan
35 Unpolished
38 Tony
39 Miraculous sustenance
40 "... ___ saw Elba"
41 Cut-and-dried
43 Before the others
44 Garbo's homeland
45 Jiff
46 ___ the hills
49 Wrinkle
53 Stroke at the pool
56 Use a cue well
58 Mingle
59 It can be French or English
60 Show off to advantage
62 Fridge item
63 Like some penalties
64 Exploiter
65 ___ of attack
66 Pup items?
67 Cardinal's quarters

DOWN

1 Bill, of a sort
2 Bet opener
3 Missile holders
4 ___ chi ch'uan
5 Observe
6 Judah's son
7 Namesake of Garfield's pal, et al.
8 Fly to pieces
9 OK word
10 Get the ball rolling
11 Make
12 Keen
13 Withhold
18 Massenet opera
22 Sans pizzazz
24 Lower the boom
26 Pond tidbit
29 German gent
30 Lambs' dams
31 Pique performance?
32 Ohs, in Ems
33 Warm up
34 Ugh bugs
35 Glimmer
36 ___ for the money
37 Freu's "Totem ___ Tabu"
39 Patch
42 Dickens' "Little ___"
43 Noted U.S. physicist
45 Pooh-poohs
47 Critical
48 Like Ellington's doll
50 Divert
51 Begets
52 Put forth
53 Kind of logic
54 What to do with the punches
55 Sphere
57 Host
60 It's 6 hrs. behind Greenwich
61 Big ___: VIP

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Grant a fair shot at becoming a close and cherished friend to a new acquaintance. Speak candidly and share your likes and dislikes.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Create excitement in your life. Pursue a lifelong dream or embark on a new career path with delight and enthusiasm.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): You might find yourself in position to influence a large number of people. Share your political or philosophical views and make a positive difference.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Read, study and educate yourself about possible investment opportunities. Welcome the input of friends who possess valuable experience.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Expect to encounter a green light on the road to successful relationships. Advance with plans to culminate a special project.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Be willing to accept change as a positive part of life. Make a requested adjustment in your work schedule or duties and go with the flow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Avoid setting expectations for a loved one too high. Present a romantic proposal without pressure and allow time for a thoughtful response.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): There is a lot of emotional energy at your disposal that, if used incorrectly, could block your path to peace and healing. Stay calm and centered.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Take advantage of a mentally active cycle. Write down the ideas that pop into your head this week and share when and where appropriate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Financial increase or expansion is probable, but keep in mind, there are no realistic shortcuts to prosperity. Take it slow and easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You will attract the kind of energy you are generating. Dress for success and make a positive first impression on the people you meet this week.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You could benefit from extra rest and relaxation at this time in your life. Lie low and allow the world and all of its problems to pass you by.

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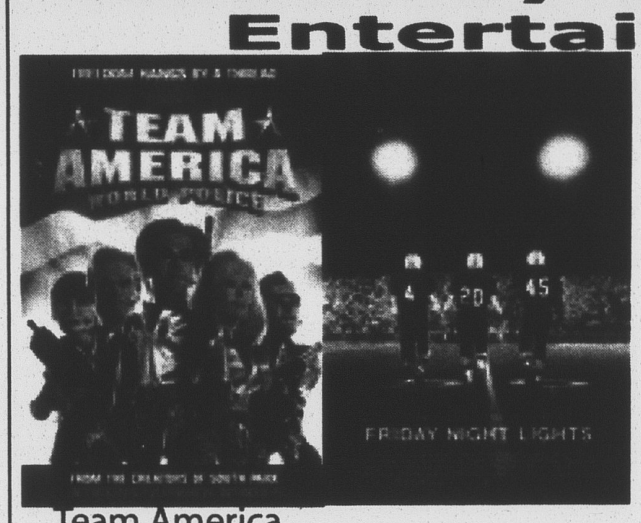

Team America World Police

Friday Night Lights

Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater

Friday: 8:00 PM
Saturday: 10:30 PM
Sunday: 3:00PM

Friday: 10:30 PM
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OPEN

FRIDAY!
Let's Go Crazy- Mardi Gras
6:00 p.m.
Witherspoon Rooms

FRIDAY!
Mardi Gras Fireworks
8:05 p.m.

FRIDAY!
Wayne Hoffman
8:30 p.m.
Orr Auditorium

SUNDAY!
5:30 p.m.
Club Room

SUPER BOWL XXXIX

New England Patriots
vs.
Philadelphia Eagles

COMING SOON...
Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

Feb. 12	Night Owl Bowling
Feb.18	Mid Winter Jazz Concert
Feb. 25	Titan Tavern
Feb. 26	Night Owl Bowling
March 11-13	Lil Sib's Weekend
Mar. 11	Titan Tavern
Mar.12	Night Owl Bowling
Apr. 2	Night Owl Bowling
Apr. 8	Titan Tavern
Apr.16	Relay for Life
Apr.16	Night Owl Bowling
Apr.22	Titan Tavern
Apr.23	Sing n Swing
Apr.30	Volley Rock

Features

A Match Made in The Holcad

Looking for love on Valentine's Day?

Laura Zorch
Features Editor

I am watching four men race through New York City to the Empire State Building to win a date with "The Bachelorette". Why is this on TV? Stuff like that happens to me all the time. Just yesterday, four men ran across six lanes of traffic, in a blinding snow, wearing no shoes, to fight for a chance to escort me to Wendy's.

I am a liar. Looking at my romantic life, one stares in to an abyss. I could only be so lucky to appear on a ridiculous mating show. However, loserville does not have a population of one. Many others are in the same boat as myself, and friends, I am here to rescue you from that dinghy.

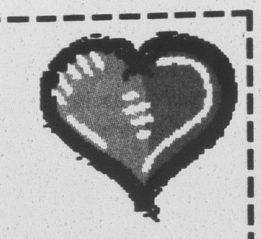
I want to introduce to you a cutting-edge matchmaking and dating vehicle: The Holcad. Yes! Finally, the newspaper can provide you with campus fame and, dare I say, a soul mate?! Which leads me to question: What is cooler than an interactive newspaper? Answer: Everything. But put away any preconceived notions of coolness. If used properly, The Holcad could be the greatest vehicle of love the world has ever known.

How do you get a slice of this goodness? Fill out the form provided, place the said form in The Holcad box 157, and cross your fingers with hope and anticipation of Cupid aiming your way. (If you have a significant other, do not fill out the form. You are ineligible for this opportunity of a lifetime. Hopefully your relationship is one of perfection, otherwise I just feel bad for you and your ineligibility.)

Two lucky folks will be squired about town for a free meal and an opportunity for love on Friday, February 11. Through the modern marvel of newsprint, your rendezvous will be documented, and thus, your celebrity cemented in Holcad history.

Sound like the greatest event ever? It is. Stop looking for love in all the wrong places and take a step toward romantic wonder. Match made in heaven? No. Match made in Holcad.

(Winners will be hand selected by my innate ability to set people up. This is an equal opportunity contest. Everyone should enter, except those of you involved in go-nowhere- I mean- awesome, relationships. Good luck!)



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Age:_____ Major: _____

Most important quality in a potential date:
(circle one)

Sensitivity Intelligence Humor Hotness Has a Pulse

My best physical attribute:
(circle one)

Sexy Smile Hot Hair Bodacious Bod

Describe yourself in 15 words or less:

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Place yourself on the awesomeness scale:

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eh, I've seen awesomer I'm pretty awesome no words can describe my awesomeness

Reason you want to win a date:
Make it good: this could win you a free meal and a potential love connection

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Place in **Holcad Box 157** *By Wednesday, February 9.* Good luck!

Political Pong

The doctor is in: Could Dean be DNC chairman?

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

You know what I love about Democrats? Not much. But seriously, I do respect one characteristic about them: their optimism towards human nature. They support welfare because they believe that the recipient will eventually get back on their feet. They support affirmative action because they believe that eventually employers won't need to look under the "race" category of an application.

And they support each other, no matter what stupid acts their fellow democrat has done.

Case in point: the upcoming election of the Democratic National Committee Chairman.

Now you would think that in this time of liberal distress, as their party drowns in middle-road mumbo jumbo and grumbles about their minority status, that Democrats would ask, no, demand for a strong new leader.

They should want someone who will unite all democrats for the common causes of the party, whatever the flavor of the week is.

With this in mind, I'm sure names like Dick Gephardt and Donna Brazille are running through your brain. Well think again, because you'll never guess who's leading the pack for this coveted position: Howard Dean.

Yes, Howard Dean, the former Democratic presidential candidate/Vermont governor/ doctor is likely to win the Chairmanship on February 12th thanks to the support of the state Democratic Party leaders.

Dean emerged the frontrunner with 56 votes, followed by Michigan Kerry campaign manager Donnie Fowler. With this support, Dean will be nearly halfway to winning the position.

Do the democrats not remember Dean during his primary campaign? One blow to the ego and the man flipped, going on an oral rampage in front of thousands of supporters and hundreds of TV cameras.

Can you imagine what he'll do as DNC chairman? There's a lot of pressure involved, and frankly, I don't think the nutcase, I mean, doctor can take it.

Heads will roll if there's not enough whipped cream in his mocha latte or enough fudge in his Ben and Jerry's.

But not all of the liberals involved in the election process are stupid.

The executive committee asked the state leaders to support Donnie Fowler, who has enjoyed years of political success and whose father was a former DNC chair. Those exec members are excused from my incessant ranting and raving.

The party leaders, on the other hand, need slapped. It's like they're just picking the candidate on name recognition, which is understandable when you're, you know, politically challenged.

Party leaders should know better.

I will give Dean some credit, he does know how to energize the younger voters and raise money in unique ways, ie Internet fundraising.

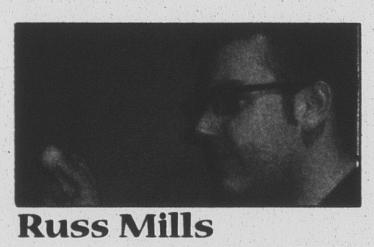
But does this really make him qualified to make decisions on behalf of all democrats?

He's a polarizing figure, either you hate him or you love him, and that's not what the Dems need following a year of election setbacks.

Wait a minute, why do I care if the Democrats pick a sensible leader for the DNC? I was almost compassionate there.

Go Howard Dean! You want a divider, not a uniter! The Doctor is in, and he's about to give the Republican Party the prescription for another great election in 2008.

Jessica Rummel (aka right-wing nutjob) is a senior political science major. She is President of SGA, College Republicans, and is probably going straight to hell.



Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

The Democratic Party leaders will face a major decision in picking a new chairman of the party. Of the long list of candidates, I think Howard Dean is the man for the job. Reelecting current chairman, Terry McAuliffe, or anyone else will ensure Democrats like myself four more years of losing. Here are my top five reasons why Dean should be the party chair.

1. The Internet: Howard Dean revolutionized the way campaigns are and will be run for years to come. While he did not come up with this idea himself, he is the figurehead for the Internet transformation of politics. He can network with the electorate and bring new voters into the party.

When you are a state chair, communication and grassroots efforts are essential to winning seats from county commissioner to Senator. Dean's experience with the Internet and grassroots campaigning will give him the knowledge to successfully fight and promote candidates running in Congressional and other races.

2. Doctor Dean: One of the benefits from being a doctor is knowing how to diagnose a problem and then be able to fix it. The Democratic Party is in shambles right now and is in need of surgery, and Doctor Dean will be able to provide it. He will be able to use his no-holds barred style to gut the party and rid it of its inefficient bureaucracy and make it efficient like the Republican Party (Yes, that is a compliment). If Republicans can go out to nursing homes and bus elderly people to the polls, then why couldn't McAuliffe and the Democrats get younger voters to the polls?

3. The Dean Scream: Now many of you I am sure remember the now infamous "Dean Scream." I think this moment will actually help Dean rebuild the party. After the fact, people realized that the whole speech was blown out of proportion and that he was showing his dedication and excitement about the election and the party. His passion is something that no one can deny and that is what the party needs.

4. Dean's Southern Strategy/Moral Issues: In the recent interviews for the job of DNC chair, many of the candidates have advocated making a turn back to the right and possibly embracing some of the Republican ideals. Howard Dean responded by quoting one of my favorite Democrats Ted Kennedy, "We cannot beat the Republicans by becoming Republicans." This is not abortion or gay marriage, but things like letting American fall through the cracks, or not providing enough education to our children, or most importantly not providing adequate healthcare to all our citizens.

5. The Republicans Are Afraid of Dean: Now people like Jess will tell you bring Howard on; we would love to see him as chair of the DNC. On the outside they would lead you to believe this, but inside they are scared of Dr. Dean. Any why shouldn't they be? I mean this man who was virtually unknown to everyone in America (including yours' truly) almost became the Democratic nominee for President of the United States. What makes you think he could not pull off another amazing performance?

I respect Dean more than any politician because you know where he stands. I think that this is exactly what our party needs: decisive leadership who will take a stand.

Russ Mills is a senior political science major and is Vice President of SGA. He enjoys watching the Woodstock movie, while wearing his Birkenstocks, playing on his Apple computer and drinking Starbucks coffee.

Grubbin' with Greg

The China Wok is easy on the wallet and the MSG

Greg Smith
Grubbin' with Greg

Have you ever had one of those days where you wake up and you just need to satisfy a random craving for Chinese food?

If so you are probably looking for a place that is cheap, offers a wide variety of dishes, and most importantly isn't the same old joint that you frequently visit to satisfy your cravings.

Well, if this is the case then I suggest paying a visit to the China Wok in Hermitage.

If you do I'm sure you'll be hearing the wise words of Confucius in your head saying "Do Dine Again".

What makes this place so great? There are so many reasons that I could start at, but it's hard to decide where to begin.

Well I suppose the most persuasive argument is simply that this oriental restaurant will make your belly say "yum" and leave your wallet saying "yay."

The China Wok is an establishment that I would refer to as being college kid friendly, economically speaking.

This is particularly true if you're looking to hit up a little buffet action, seeing as it'll only cost you a mere $7.50 for all you can eat.

However, if you're determined not to bulk up to the size of a sumo wrestler (yes I realize this is a Japanese sport/tradition) then you can always order off of the ala carte menu, which is also reasonably priced with the average meal costing $5.75.

Aside from the affordability of the food, more important is the quality of the food.

I can honestly say that this is one of the few restaurants that I've been to where they are constantly checking both the buffet and the customers.

That's right - the food is always fresh, your plate is always full, and your gut begins to protrude over your pants!

The China Wok offers a variety of oriental food from your typical (General Tso's, Sweet and Sour Chicken) to healthy selections (Steamed Buddha's Delight, Steamed Chicken and Vegetables) to their own house specialties.

I feel that it is interesting to note that all of the dishes that are prepared at China Wok are MSG free.

So in the infamous words of the Teen Girl Squad, you won't be "MSG'D" to death (if you're not getting the reference then you need to visit Homestarrunner.com immediately).

The environment is very typical of what you would expect to find at a Chinese restaurant: Chinese calendars, Chinese lanterns, a strange fetish for marble designed tables and booths, the only atypical decoration was the random Christmas garland - I have no clue where that came from.

Décor aside, the staff is very nice and accommodating, but they are bit hard to understand as their English is very elementary.

This could be viewed as a service that helps to foster a more authentic environment to the restaurant, but I suppose the feeling of authenticity is relevant to each customer.

How does this oriental wonder stack up in the great scale of the Twinkie?

Well taking into consideration the affordable prices, fresh, delicious, MSG free food, and the typical environment, I feel that it deserves a 3 out of 4 Twinkies.

So next time you find yourself craving some oriental cuisine, give the China Wok a chance and I promise you won't be disappointed.

Until next week, keep on grubbin'.

Greg Smith is a senior political science major. He is President of the College Democrats, Treasurer of SGA, and co-founder of the Fatty Club.

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Sally and Dar Huey met and fell in love at Westminster 29 years ago.

Professors in love

By Sandy Edmiston
Staff Writer

Cupid's arrows, obviously have blue and white feathers around here, or at least so it would seem from looking at the number of faculty and staff couples found here at Westminster.

Last I checked, 16 married couples work together here at Westminster.

Many of them, including math professor Dr. Carolyn Cuff and assistant professor of history Dr. Timothy Cuff and education chair Dr. Darwin and Learning Center Director Sally Huey even met here while attending Westminster as students, and now continue to work here together.

According to Mrs. Huey, she never actually met Dr. Huey until the middle of her senior year.

"He asked me to go to the Beeghly Theatre production of "Romeo and Juliet," she explains. "I think there's a rule somewhere that if R&J is your first date that you have to get married!

"Twenty nine years later, my heart still flip-flops when he walks into the room!" Mrs. Huey also added.

Another couple, communication, theater and art chair Doctor David Barner and Paryroll Coordinator Suzanne Carter-Barner, met here while working together, and ended up getting married.

"I was the TV play by play announcer for Titan Football and the business office was running a pool for a free dinner for two at Rachel's," Dr. Barner explains about how he met his wife. "Suzy asked me my score prediction and used that advice to win the dinners. Suzy then suggested that it would only be

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Junior returns from Air Force

By Bob Allen
Campus Writer

While his friends were ringing in 2005 with Champagne and good company, junior history major Steve Kokal was on a cold dormitory floor doing push-ups and screaming "Happy New Year, Sir!"

Kokal recently returned from six weeks of basic training for the Air National Guard at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He departed on December 14 and spent his Christmas and New Year in military classes- performing combat scenarios. While December was not his first choice to start training, Kokal was more than happy to accept the challenge.

"It was a time of war. I wanted to do my part, get help with school and get tech training. I am young, unattached and it was the right time," said Kokal. "They would wake us up everyday at four in the morning. Our Training Instructors would burst into our rooms, check over our areas and make us do push-ups."

After his morning wakeup call, Kokal and his flight-mates would fall out for roll call. Next was detail work like cleaning the dorm or toilets. Then he was off to "chow" where the recruits had only four minutes to eat.

"We had to walk by a table of our Training Instructors to get to our tables to eat. If there was even a string hanging off our uniforms we would get chewed out and not get to eat that chow," said Kokal.

After breakfast Kokal attended four hours of classes on rules on subjects such as conduct and military health. Then it was off to lunch and four more hours of drills in formations and marching followed by physical training consisting of push-ups and sit-ups. Another four-minute chow session and fall out to the dorms followed Physical Training.

"We would have an evening

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Photo by Willis Bretz

Brotherly Love

Senior Pat Sandora, sophomore Seth McClarey and junior Josh Hensler celebrate their new members on Guys' Pick Up Day.

Students, children celebrate Mardi Gras

By Jeff Brownlee
Campus Writer

The Student Alumni Association hosted their annual Mardi Gras Carnival from 6-8 p.m, on February 4, in the Witherspoon Rooms to promote relations with the community and the alumni.

The Mardi Gras Carnival consisted of a variety of activities for the attendees to participate in while attending the carnival. Activities ranged anywhere from a Frisbee toss to finding worms in dirt. Other activities throughout the night were cookie decorating, henna art, and mask making. For more entertainment, a balloon artists was strolling around the carnival making balloon animals. The activities at the carnival seemed to please not only the younger crowd but the adults as well.

"I thought that the balloon magician was a great addition to the events of the night. Having the magician make me a balloon animal made me feel like a kid at the carnival again," said junior Quay Rosengarth.

In addition to the activities set up for entertainment, many campus organizations were present to set up extra activity booths at the carnival. About 20 campus organizations attended the event and had booths. Some of the campus organizations present were, Dance Theater, Phi Mu, Sigma Kappa, Black Student Union, Chemistry Club, and the Psychology Club.

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

Senior elementary education major Brent Rodgers paints a girl's face at the Alpha Psi Omega booth. About 20 organizations sponsored booths at the Mardi Gras festival on Thursday, Feb. 4.

"SAA is very appreciative of the involvement of so many campus organizations. Mardi Gras has become a campus wide tradition enjoyed by students, faculty and staff and their families," Mary James, Director of Alumni Relations said.

Junior Colter McElree shared James's views.

"The organizations on the campus are always so willing to help out when asked to," McElree said. "Events like Mardi Gras are made that much more fun when the campus gets more involved."

The CPC (Campus Programming Committee) played a large part in the preparation and execution of the Mardi Gras Carnival. The CPC provided fireworks for the end of the evening entertainment as well as providing a caricaturist, which was very popular among the attendees. Illusionist Wayne Hoffman, which also was a part of the CPC's evening entertainment, was a huge hit. This year's Mardi Gras Carnival was not only popular with the younger generation but was enjoyed by many of adults in attendance.

"Mardi Gras was an awesome time because there was so much for me to do," said senior Michael Clever.

Blow your crush a Sunkist kiss on Valentine's Day

By Joselyn Parker
Campus Writer

From Feb 3-11, members of the Sociology Interest Group and Alpha Kappa Delta took selling pop to the most 'bubbly' of levels.

The groups sold cans of Sunkist pop as a way for one person to show how much they cared for another through "Kist Kisses."

The way it worked was that one person would buy a can of Sunkist for 50 cents and have it sent to someone that they cared about, or even had a secret crush on.

Next that special person would receive a card-letting them know that they've been 'Kist.'

When they went to pick up their can of pop, they had the option of finding out who sent it by paying a dollar.

"This is an incredibly creative way for these organizations to raise money," Dr. Virginia Tomlinson said. "I plan to send several Kist Kisses myself."

Tomlinson is the advisor of the SIG- which welcomes students with no background in sociology, all they need is an interest in it.

Stephanie Hitchcock is a senior sociology major, president of the SIG and one of the coordinators of the fundraiser.

"I love being apart of this group," Hitchcock said. "It is a supplement to what sociology majors and minors do outside of the classroom.

The Sociology Interest Group has been apart of this campus for many years, but it is only the second year that Alpha Kappa Delta has had a chapter with them.

Alpha Kappa Delta is an honorary society, which, unlike the Sociology Interest Group, is very specific about its members. It is a requirement to be either a sociology major or minor, and hold a certain GPA in order to qualify.

Because of Valentine's Day, the groups thought it would be a perfect time to raise money and use a play on words—kissed to 'kist'.

The groups set up outside of the cafeteria receiving a great response from the student body.

"It caught my attention because I thought they spelled kissed wrong and I was concerned because we are in college," sophomore Cherrell Triplett said.

"But then I saw what the whole thing was about and I thought I was a really cute play on words."

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Opinion

Rant & Rave

You didn't cuddle with me last night. You don't love me anymore!

Why can't we get the SGA Toilet Paper on time? It's Wednesday, and I'm still reading last week's joke!

New use for The Holcad: Blinds.

Do you still love me?

People that need to grow up:
1) Person(s) who put the Rant and Rave box in the "Reuse-A-Shoe" can.
2) Person(s) who keep ripping off the Bible verse of the week on SGA's Toilet Paper.

Why aren't there recycling bins to collect bottles in the TUB?

I like pasketti.

I like how the snow melts just in time for the next round.

Butterflies are passive-agressive.

Vanilla flavored milk is the worst possible thing to happen to the dairy industry.

How about we don't have a Family Guy reference this week....

I'd give you the moon, but it's been done before.

Minnesota, here I come!

Heffalumps and weasels...

First nervous breakdown in six semesters: not too shabby.

The Super Bowl was far from super.

I'm okay with being unimpressive. I sleep better.

The TUB needs to be more Lent-friendly.

Can we go one week without a water-related disaster happening in a dorm?

I want an old-school Valentine's Day - cheap chocolate and cards with Disney characters.

I miss my mommy.

I'm beginning to find that I am the book and you are the binding.

Why do people 'paint the town red'? Why not blue or orange?

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Nothing kills romance like sewage in the cafeteria

By Megan Sigler
Editor-in-Chief

A cafeteria worker put up a sign that read "Caution: Wet Floor." Oh really? I didn't notice. I was going to just walk through the river of crap, but now I'll step over it thanks to your informative sign.

Imagine this: You're enjoying a nice dinner in the cafeteria with your friends on a Monday evening when it hits you. A smell, more rank and wretched than the worst smell ever to protrude from Eichenauer, wafts in your general direction. At first, you remain polite, not wanting to embarrass your nearby friends who must have had a most unfortunate reaction to their questionable beef stroganoff.

But the stench thickens, becoming so unbearable that your eyes suddenly water up and you begin to gag uncontrollably. We know they put a lot of laxatives in Sodexho food, but come on! The entire cafeteria shouldn't smell like sewage. So you run, panicked, to the only exit door, when you discover, much to your terror, a sight that leaves you forever scarred. Human waste is literally flooding the halls!

And do you know what's really scary? Students continued eating! Some moved to the back of the cafeteria where the smell was only mildly deadly. Two seniors proceeded to chew up their food that resembled the waste out in the hallway.

A security guard chuckled and a cafeteria worker put up a sign that read "Caution: Wet Floor." Oh really? I didn't notice. I was going to just walk through the river of crap, but now I'll step over it thanks to your informative sign.

After successfully managing to escape the dining hall of crazy people, I warned two hungry and unknowing freshmen on their way to the cafeteria to evacuate the premises. The naïve young man joked, "Come on, man, let's see it. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity!" His wiser friend then responded, "Dude, no it's not. This happened last semester."

The worst part is, the freshman was speaking the truth. This horrifying event has happened not once, but twice just this year! If it happens once, it's a mistake. If it happens twice, it's a problem. A serious problem that needs to be addressed.

But what is our school doing to address the problem? To my knowledge, not a whole lot. In fact, the cafeteria actually had the audacity to open again the next day, inviting students to file down the halls for lunch and dinner. The same halls that were covered with sewage just the day before.

Am I the only person who sees the danger in this situation? You can't just mop away the mess and pretend like nothing happened. The entire dining hall needs to be closed down and inspected by the health department. And no, not the useless health center on campus, but an actual government-regulated health department. Imagine the viruses and bacteria that can be spread through human waste amassing on the floor next to the hall where students eat everyday.

If someone dumped a bucket of crap in the lobby of Eat 'n' Park, would the restaurant continue running? No! The place would close down and it would be all over the five o'clock news.

The same should go for any place of food service, especially our cafeteria where the prices we pay to eat are often more expensive than what we pay at Eat 'n' Park.

Then why do students continue eating at Galbreath? Has our student body become so jaded, that sewage overflowing our cafeteria isn't a big deal anymore? We shouldn't have to put up with this.

So here's a comment card for you, Westminster. I'd like to be able to eat my meal in a sanitary dining facility not overrun with sewage. Or is that too much to ask?

Single? Make Valentine's Day work in your favor

By Vijay Ramanavarapu
Ohio State Lantern

While I don't criticize others to boost my self-esteem, I am a bit Seinfeldesque in that I enjoy creating or observing awkward situations, something that Valentine's Day is excellent for.

Am I really this bitter and jaded? Not at all. I just don't understand why Valentine's Day has turned into such a scary day for single people.

In the week leading up to Valentine's Day, we're bombarded with columns lamenting how evil the holiday is. I could rant about how superficial the holiday is, why I think it's a scam, or how couples shouldn't have to prove how much they love each other on this one day.

However, this isn't going to be one of those columns because I, Vijay Ramanavarapu, a single male, am proud to admit that I love Valentine's Day and look forward to it every year.

Think back to Valentine's Day during elementary school. It didn't matter if you were single or "going out" with someone, because we spent the day writing nice comments about everyone in class.

Didn't think Emily in the third row liked you? Think again - the card in front of you clearly states that she wants you to be her Valentine. Hello self-esteem!

Sadly, Valentine's Day hasn't aged gracefully. The holiday has now become a ticking time bomb for single people.

As February approaches, people become emotionally frail and are in a desperate search to be loved. How did this happen? I don't have the answer to that question, but it's not going to stop me from enjoying the holiday.

When I reflect on my history with the opposite sex, I realize this doesn't make any sense. I don't have a girlfriend, let alone any prospects on the horizon.

I've found myself wrapped around several girls' fingers in the past and have been used more than a beer bong in the dorms. However, I'm an optimist, and I have created opportunities for single people to take advantage of.

While I don't criticize others to boost my self-esteem, I am a bit Seinfeldesque in that I enjoy creating or observing awkward situations, something that Valentine's Day is excellent for.

For example, I went into Nordstrom with my old roommate's girlfriend. As we walked in, the saleswoman chirped, "Don't forget, Valentine's Day is only a month away."

Instead of telling her that we're not dating, I promptly replied, "Oh, no thank you, she's not worth that much to me."

As I watched a look of horror come across the saleswoman's face, I realized that I had just rocked this woman's emotional foundation.

My comment seemed as taboo and inappropriate as wearing maize and blue at the 'Shoe. Who knew V-Day could be so carefree and fun?

There are other ways Valentine's Day creates opportunities for single people. Who really likes the feeling of hitting on the opposite sex only to realize 10 minutes into the conversation that they're in a relationship?

When I see a girl at a Valentine's Day party, it's quite likely that she's not seeing anyone, so it wouldn't hurt to talk to her.

Second, since so many people are out at dinner, I don't have to fight for a spot at the keg. Since I have easier access to the keg, I'm able to drink more and provide drinks at a reasonable pace to the aforementioned girls.

Of course, I'm saving the best reason to love Valentine's Day for last. If you find yourself wandering into Victoria's Secret or the lingerie section of Super K-Mart, it's likely that you're most likely going to be perceived as a pervert.

However, with ten simple words - "I'm looking for a Valentine's Day gift for my girlfriend" - this stigma is suddenly lifted, and the saleswoman's frown suddenly disappears and she's secretly wishing her boyfriend was as sweet as you.

Am I really this bitter and jaded? Not at all. I just don't understand why Valentine's Day has turned into such a scary day for single people.

Why has it become such a thing if you're single? Why are people so terrified of a holiday that forces couples to morph into something they're not just in order to prove their devotion to one another?

Well, I'm still working on finding the answers, but until then, I'm not going to stop myself from enjoying the numerous antics that V-Day can provide.

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Outside the Bubble

NATIONAL

Researchers urge routine HIV testing for virtually all Americans

By Linda A.Johnson
Associated Press Writer

(AP) - Urging a major shift in U.S. policy, some health experts are recommending that virtually all Americans be tested routinely for the AIDS virus, much as they are for cancer and other diseases.

Since the early years of the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s, the government has recommended screening only in big cities, where AIDS rates are high, and among members of high-risk groups, such as gay men and drug addicts.

Two large, federally funded studies found that the cost of routinely testing and treating nearly all adults would be outweighed by a reduction in new infections and the opportunity to start patients on drug cocktails early, when they work best.

"Given the availability of effective therapy and preventive measures, it is possible to improve care and perhaps influence the course of the epidemic through widespread, effective and cost-effective screening," Dr. Samuel A. Bozzette wrote in an editorial accompanying the studies, which appear in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

A failure to institute such screening at doctors' offices and clinics would be "a critical disservice" to patients with the AIDS virus and "the future health of the nation," wrote Bozzette, who is from the University of California at San Diego and the Rand Corp. think tank in Santa Monica, Calif.

Dr. Robert Janssen, director of HIV-AIDS prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said the CDC will re-evaluate its guidelines over the next two years, and will consider the study's findings as well as the availability of new, rapid HIV tests that produce results in a half-hour instead of the usual week or two.

Who would bear the cost of expanded testing remains a sticky question amid government cutbacks in health-care funding. Janssen said the studies' findings could lead to some private insurers to encourage more HIV testing.

One of the studies, by researchers at Duke and Stanford universities and the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System, estimated that routine one-time testing of everyone would cut new infections each year by just over 20 percent, and that every HIV-infected patient identified would gain an average of 1 1/2 years of life.

The other study, by Yale and Harvard researchers, found that testing people every three to five years would be cost-effective for all but the lowest-risk people, such as those who are celibate or are in monogamous heterosexual relationships.

And even for those people, one-time testing was found to be cost-effective.

About 40,000 new HIV infections occur each year. An estimated 950,000 people are infected with the virus, but about 280,000 of them don't know it.

CDC guidelines recommend routine tests wherever the prevalence of HIV infection is more than 1 percent.

"If you need proof of the fact that it's not working, look at all the people who have slipped through the cracks - 280,000," said A. David Paltiel of the Yale School of Medicine's division of health policy, lead author of the second study.

The VA-funded study found that in areas where about 1 in 100 patients has undiagnosed HIV, what the CDC calls high-risk settings, widespread testing would cost about $15,100 for each year of good health gained by people diagnosed with the virus, counting the benefits to their sexual partners.

INTERNATIONAL

Nearing end of European tour, Rice says NATO won't be world's policeman

By Anne Gearan
AP Diplomatic Writer

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Wednesday that Iran cannot delay indefinitely accountability for a suspected nuclear weapons program, but said the United States has set "no deadline, no timeline" for Tehran to act.

Nearing the end of a European tour that included visits to both old and new members of the expanding NATO, Rice said the United States remains in "close consultations" with its European allies on the issue.

She warned Tehran that the United States would not accept foot-dragging by the government there as officials weigh various diplomatic overtures that European nations have made to resolve the nuclear question.

In Washington, President Bush said he was pleased with the response Rice had received from Europeans on efforts to restrain Iran's nuclear ambitions. "The Iranians just need to know that the free world is working together to send a very clear message: don't develop a nuclear weapon," Bush said. "And the reason we're sending that message is because Iran with a nuclear weapon would be a very destablizing force in the world.

At a news conference with NATO officials, Rice told reporters that Iran must live up to its obligations.

"I'm quite clear and I believe everybody is telling the Iranians that they are going to have to live up to their international obligations," she said. "It is obvious that if Iran cannot be brought to live up to its international obligations, in fact, the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) statute would indicate that Iran would have to be referred to the U.N. Security Council" for possible sanctions.

"I think the message is there," Rice said. "The Iranians need to get that message," she said, adding that Tehran should know that "there are other steps" the international community can take.

In remarks earlier in an interview with Fox News, released Wednesday, the secretary had said "Iranians need to hear that if they are unwilling to take the deal, really, that the Europeans are giving ... then the Security Council referral looms."

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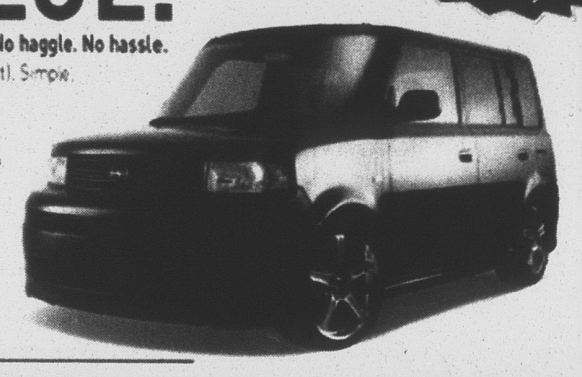

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Campus News

Professors

16 faculty couples on campus

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fair that I share the prize since I had given her the score.

"Five years later we eloped and notified everyone that we were married by what we affectionately call the letter bombs. We sent out announcements of our marriage when we were away on a honeymoon. No one knew of our intentions."

Other couples, such as the Gerbers, the Swerdlows, the Corrette-Bennets, and the Smiths did not meet here, but instead found jobs here after being married.

Assistant chemistry professor Dr. Peter Smith and Assistant Librarian Erin Smith have been married for seven and a half years, and have been here at Westminster for two and a half.

Says Dr. Smith sharing Westminster with his wife, "I really enjoy working at the same place as Erin. We get to spend a lot of time together and we can discuss the ins-and-outs of Westminster."

Mrs. Smith expresses similar thoughts. "I think the biggest perk for me are days like yesterday when Pete showed up at my office door with coffee and a cookie from Mugsies. How could I ask for more?!"

Assistant Director of Financial Aid Cheryl Gerber and Boiler Room Mechanic Jack Gerber have been married for 24 years. Jack has worked here 21 of those years, and Cheryl for 7.

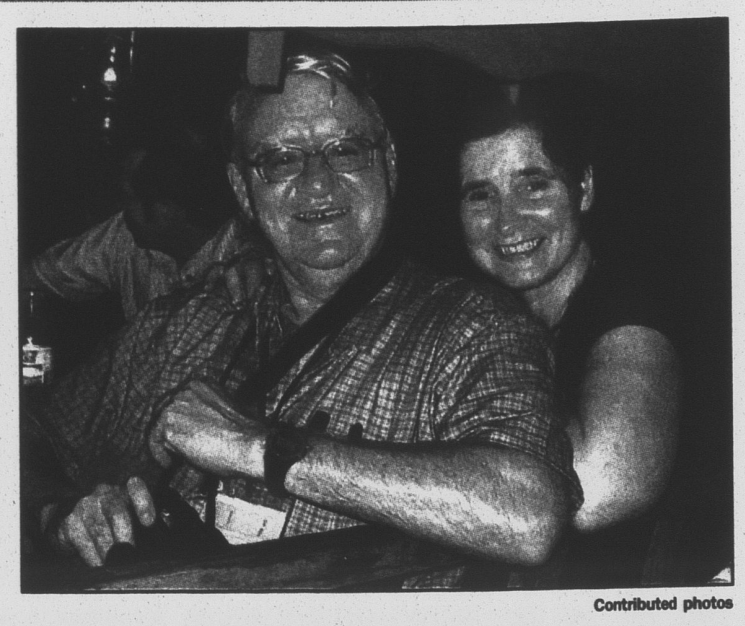
According to Mrs. Gerber, "It's great working at the same place. We get to have lunch together everyday."

The Corrette-Bennetts share Mrs. Gerber's opinion.

Says assistant professor of biology Dr. Joshua Corrette-Bennett about working at the same institution as his wife, Science-in-Motion educator Dr. Stephanie Corrette-Bennett, "I'd probably never get to see her otherwise!"

Working together is not anything different to the Corrette-Bennets. They became romantically involved after working side by side in the same research lab for two years out of college, and have now been married thirteen years.

"We had to share a small lab bench & desk, and couldn't avoid talking to each other!" explains Dr. Stephanie Corrette-Bennett about how she and her husband fell in love.



Contributed photos

Left: Professor of math Dr. Carolyn Cuff and assistant professor of history Dr. Timothy Cuff began dating while they were Westminster students.

Right: Like the other couples, professor of psychology Dr. Sandra Webster loves that she can spend more time with her husband, Ron, who works in Infomation Systems.

The Swerdlows have a slightly different story. Their marriage is interfaith, intercultural, and bilingual.

English professor Dr. David Swerdlow met his wife, Spanish lecturer Milagros, when he attended his brother's wedding in Peru. His brother was marrying Milagros' sister.

Frustrated by everyone's attempts to matchmake them into a couple, the Swerdlows eventually ended up getting together by complaining about how everyone was trying to set them up.

Dr. Swerdlow returned back to the States, however, and he and Milagros did not really connect again until he returned to Peru after earning his doctorate.

By chance, he was riding on the same plane to Peru with Milagros, who had been in Washington, D.C., visiting her sister. They reconnected on the plane, and Dr. Swerdlow proposed ten days later.

The Swerdlows enjoy working together, so much so that they are now teaching a cluster course together.

"I don't think I get any more pleasure than watching Milagros teach," Dr. Swerdlow explains. "I would like somehow to be a testimony to the fact that married couples can work close together in close quarters."

It would seem that Westminster has many testimonies just like that.

Air Force

Junior spends break in basic training

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briefing at six and then we would get a chance to prepare our wall and foot lockers," Kokal said. "They were very strict about everything. We would sit literally for hours and pluck the folds in our shirts with tweezers. Everything had to be perfect. I actually shaved my socks to get rid of lint and dust."

"Before everything you said-you had to come to attention and give a reporting statement. The two things you needed to remember was to always stand at attention and to give a reporting statement. That will get you through Basic."

Kokal graduated with honors and returned home on January 31.

"It was good to have him back," said Jason Mitchell a sophomore and fraternity brother of Kokal. "We all missed him."

"I'm very proud of him for signing up during a time of war. I think it shows a great deal of courage on his part," said friend and senior Bryan Lee.

Kokal signed up as a reservist and will return to his local base one weekend a month and two weeks a year. He will begin Tech School this June and will train to be a convoy driver.

"I knew Steve would do well in the service. He has always been a very determined guy," said Trent Struttmann, a former roommate of Kokal.

"Basic was tough and they never let up on you. The intensity level never slowed down. If anything, it was stepped up."

Kokal says he's ready to step it up for his country if he is ever needed.

Basketball teams take collections for tsunami victims

By Nick Adams
Campus Writer

The day after Christmas did more than rumble a few stomachs-a 9.0 earthquake hit off the coast of Indonesia inducing a tsunami-listed now amongst the deadliest disasters in modern history.

Anywhere from 228,000 to 310,000 people are thought to have died as a result of the tsunami, and the count is not yet complete.

In the wake of the recent disasters, the Westminster Basketball teams decided to dribble down the court- with a cause-collecting donations for the victims.

The PAC games included the January 24th against Bethany and February 5th against Grove City.

"We knew attendance for these games were going to be big and we knew that people around this area would be generous enough to donate," said Assistant Men's Basketball Coach Ben O'Connor.

"I think it is a great idea for our teams and the Westminster campus community to get involved in something of this magnitude."

The idea for the tsunami relief program came from nearby Grove City where Senior guard J.D. Collar for the Wolverine basketball team thought he could make a difference.

"Everyone in the PAC conference thought that it was a great idea and agreed with him," O'Connor said.

"It is good for the conference because it shows that though we may be rivals on the court, we can come together off the court to help out others."

The Titan Basketball players echoed this statement showing their compassion for those struggling overseas.

"I noticed the donation box outside of the gym before our games," said sophomore forward Talley Fegler.

"It makes me feel go to know that our team and even myself can contribute something that is happening thousands of miles away."

"I hope we keep on winning so that more and more people show up to the games, and then therefore more and more people can donate for the tsunami relief," added freshman guard Craig Hannon.

The money that has been donated has yet to be all counted up and it will not be counted till the final PAC game at Buzz Ridl gymnasium.

"We hope that we will have raised over 1,000 dollars, but any money raised will be a positive and hopefully will make a difference for some families in desperate need of some help," O'Connor said.

The Titans will continue to take donations at the next home PAC game on February the 19th against Waynesburg. The Women's game starts at 2:00 p.m., and the Men's game will start at 4:00 p.m.

CPC uses national convention to bring entertainment to campus

By Ben Snyder
Campus Writer

To book some quality campus entertainment for next year, the Campus Programming Council is going to Minnesota for the National Association for Campus Activities conference.

Each year, CPC sends delegates to the NACA convention, an annual event held at different locales each year.

This year's convention takes place Feb. 12 through Feb. 16.

Working practically autonomously, this student delegation's duty is to book entertainers that they feel the campus will want to see.

The conference is combination of concert and marketplace, with all of the different types of entertainers trying to attract possible bookings.

"NACA is a chance to meet artists and agencies from around the country," said CPC chairman Tom Burkhart. "The convention features main-stage entertainment which includes comedians, magicians, hypnotists, musical artists and the like."

NACA is a big-time event with big-time money and big-time rules. $60,000 of CPC's annual budget will be spent to sign up entertainers to come to Westminster.

To book more expensive artists, CPC sometimes relies on the "co-op buying session," which allows schools form various regions to book artist in conjuncture with other schools, thus saving the programming board money.

"With the co-op option, usually we deal with Ohio, because Ohio can get people on Thursdays, and then we can get them on Fridays or Saturdays," Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and CPC advisor Camille Hawthorne said.

Who gets to go on the trip? Hawthorne worked with Burkhart to make the final decision.

"Well, we looked first at leadership, and then from there we extended to everyone else," Hawthorne said.

"We looked for people who had put a lot of time and energy into CPC. Of course, we wanted to take veterans, but I also like to get some 'new blood' in there for fresh ideas and opinions. It's never easy."

"I wanted to go, but I ended up sleeping through the meeting when people were being interviewed," sophomore CPC member Angela Donnell said.

"If you're at all interested in getting any particular act or person to come to Westminster, or in a behind the scenes look at how we do booking or anything, it would be a good idea to go on the trip."

30 Hour Famine works to raise money and awareness

By Jennifer Pride
Campus Writer

The 30 Hour Famine will be held on February 11 and 12. The fasting starts at 1:00 p.m. Friday afternoon and will end the following night at 7:00 p.m. It is tentatively taking place in Old 77.

The event is run through the Christian non-profit organization called World Vision. Their statistics say that worldwide 35,000 people will die of hunger each day and 29,000 of those are children.

However, currently 14,538 groups in more than 21 countries are uniting to help to these people, and Westminster is one of those groups participating in this years 30 Hour Famine.

The 30 Hour Famine has a simple concept; it challenges people, of all ages, not to eat for 30 hours.

Freshman Laura Sahar has been involved with the 30 Hour Famine for the past three years with churches from her hometown.

"It was a really good experience and you get to see the effects of hunger first hand," Sahar said.

World Vision participants collect donations toward their cause. World Vision through the 30 Hour Famine has raised $11.3 million dollars last year. The money then went toward the caring of 30,389 children in multiple countries like the Sudan, Asia, and Kenya.

"The 30 Hour Famine is to raise money for the education, feeding, and shelter of children in third world countries," said campus coordinator, sophomore, Tracy Hefner..

Two local bands are also scheduled to perform, including Induction of Reason. The bands will be playing starting at 9:00 p.m. and will be open to all students. The cost will be $1.00, and it will go toward the fund raising for the famine.

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Partly sunny and breezy	Chance of a little p.m. rain	Cloudy with a chance of rain	Mostly cloudy; colder	More clouds than sun	Partial sunshine	Partly sunny

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	7:20 a.m.	5:52 p.m.
Sunday	7:19 a.m.	5:53 p.m.
Monday	7:17 a.m.	5:54 p.m.
Tuesday	7:16 a.m.	5:56 p.m.
Wednesday	7:15 a.m.	5:57 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Saturday	9:27 a.m.	10:33 p.m.
Sunday	9:50 a.m.	11:42 p.m.
Monday	10:14 a.m.	none
Tuesday	10:41 a.m.	12:50 a.m.
Wednesday	11:13 a.m.	1:56 a.m.

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Regional Cities

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Akron, OH	37	29	pc	46	34	r	45	28	r	38	23	c	31	17	c
Butler, PA	38	28	pc	47	33	r	48	32	r	41	23	c	32	18	c
Cambridge, OH	40	30	pc	49	35	r	49	31	r	40	23	c	34	20	c
Canton, OH	38	28	pc	47	34	r	46	30	r	39	22	c	32	19	c
Cincinnati, OH	46	34	s	54	39	r	51	32	sh	41	24	c	35	20	sn
Clarion, PA	38	27	pc	44	32	r	44	30	r	36	21	c	29	16	c
Clarksburg, WV	41	31	pc	49	35	r	48	33	r	44	26	pc	39	19	sn
Cleveland, OH	39	31	pc	46	38	pc	49	34	r	37	22	pc	31	19	c
Columbus, OH	42	32	pc	47	36	r	48	34	r	42	26	c	35	20	c
Cumberland, MD	41	29	sf	49	34	r	48	32	r	43	27	pc	34	19	c
Erie, PA	39	31	sf	44	34	r	44	30	r	34	23	c	29	18	c
Franklin, PA	39	27	sf	42	33	r	46	31	r	38	23	c	31	16	c
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Greenville, PA	37	29	pc	44	34	r	47	29	r	34	22	c	30	16	c
Grove City, PA	38	27	pc	45	33	r	47	30	r	39	22	c	33	16	c
Hagerstown, MD	45	26	pc	47	34	pc	44	32	r	46	26	pc	38	20	c
Indiana, PA	39	32	sf	49	35	r	48	35	r	41	29	pc	34	20	c
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Zanesville, OH	40	30	pc	45	36	r	46	32	r	40	24	c	34	18	c

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Ladies fall to Grove City

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The lady Titans were back in action this past week and unfortunately suffered their sixth loss of the season to PAC rival Grove City 70-64.

This loss drops their overall record to 13-6, and their PAC record to 4-2.

The Titans jumped all over the visiting Wolverines in from the tip, as they at one point had a lead of eleven points.

However, their lead would soon diminish to merely four points by the time halftime had sounded.

The ladies were able to keep the game close throughout, but down the stretch it slipped away as Grove City was able to sink their free throws and maintain the lead.

Leading the Titan charge was Sophomore Desiree Sterling who scored a team high seventeen point and four assists.

Seniors Mary Jane Eaton and Alyson Gasper chipped in with ten points each in a losing effort. Senior Erica Tallo was able to nab a team high eight rebound as well.

The Titans were out shot from the field, as they were only able to shoot thirty-five percent, to the Wolverines forty-four.

In the loss the ladies were able to keep a streak going as they were able to out rebound Grove City 44-36.

This is the seventh game in a row that the Titans have held this advantage.

The Titans got back on track with a big win against Thiel, 82-54, on Wednesday night.

Westminster improved to 14-8 overall and 5-2 in the PAC with the win, which marked a new Lady Titan season-high for points in a game, while the Tomcats dropped to 5-17 overall, 1-6 in league play.

They next play Bethany College on the road this weekend.

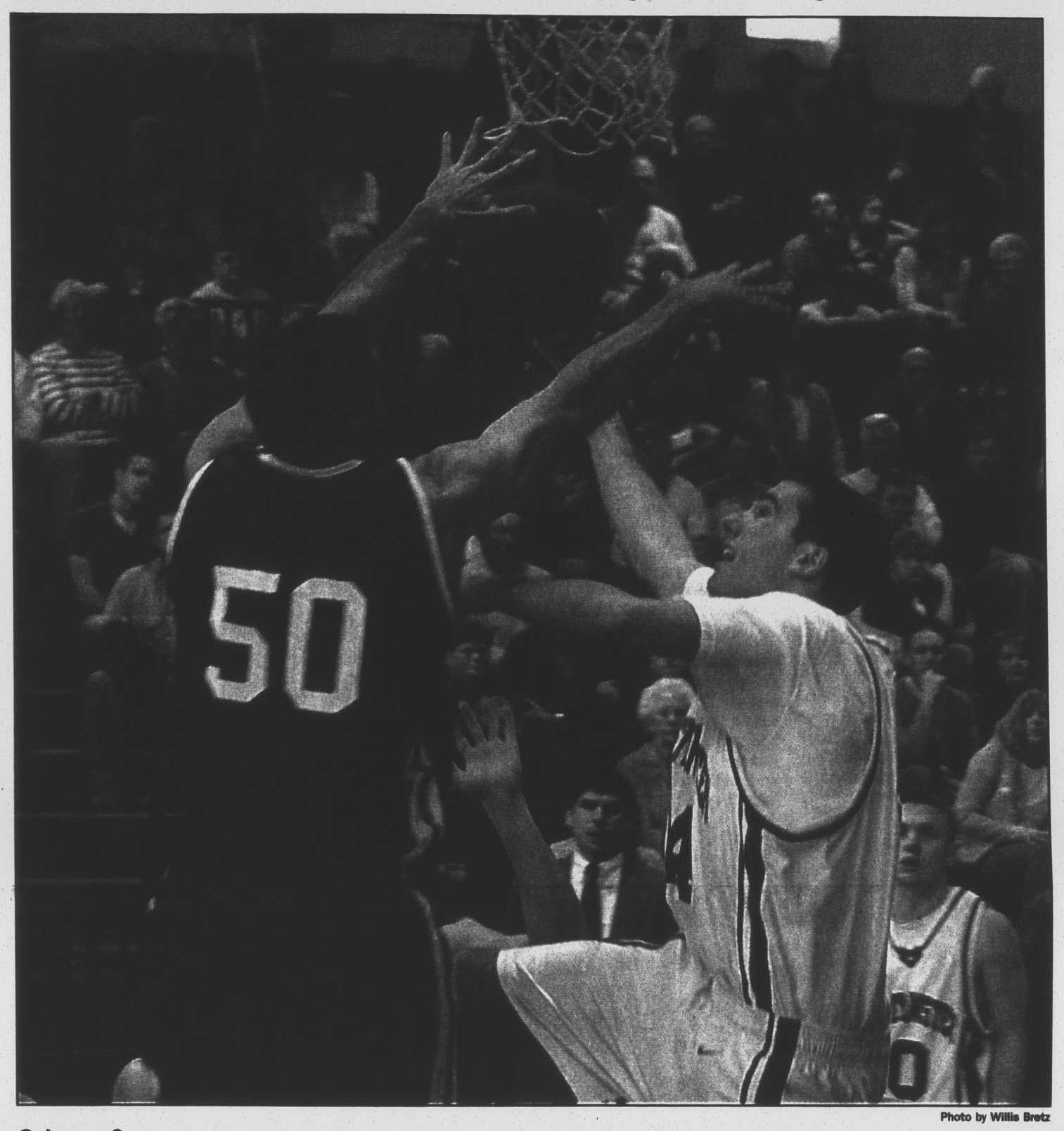


Photo by Willis Bretz

Going up?

Brian Urso puts up a lay-up during the very intense match-up against Grove City on February 5. The Titans came out on top after overtime 110-102.

Titans fall to Thiel in overtime, 119-114

The men's basketball team overcame a 16-point deficit with eight minutes to play to lead by three (99-96) in the final seconds tonight at Rissell-Beeghly Gymnasia in Greenville.

But Thiel freshman forward Joe Herrmann hit a three-pointer with one second left to send the game to overtime (99-99) as the Tomcats went on to post a 119-114 PAC OT win over the Titans on Wednesday.

It was the first league win of the season for Thiel, which improved to 5-17 and 1-6 in the PAC, while Westminster dropped to 14-8 and 4-3 in league play.

Both teams came out slowly, but Thiel steadily built a lead and was ahead by as many as 10 points (28-18) with 6:51 to play in the first half.

The Titans put together a 17-2 run to lead by five (35-30 with 3:47 left), but the Tomcats closed strong and led 43-41 at the half.

Thiel opened the second period with a 12-2 run to lead 55-43 with 18:26 to play.

The Tomcats remained in the lead unitl the late Titan run, which saw Westminster tie the game at 91-91 with 2:45 left and hold the three-point advantage in the closing seconds.

After Herrmann's trey from the right wing sent the game to overtime.

Westminster led 114-113 with 1:19 to go in OT when Herrmann's layup with 35 seconds left sparked a 6-0 Thiel run to close the win.

Herrmann led Thiel with a career-high 44-point effort, which is also the highest single-game scoring output in the PAC this season.

He shot 21-of-26 from the field while adding a team-high 12 rebounds and five assists.

For Westminster, freshman guard Nick DiNatale led the way with 24 points on 8-of-13 accuracy from three-point range.

Senior guard Ed Pagley added 23 points on six treys, while junior forward Dom Joseph added 16 points and a game-high 13 rebounds in defeat.

Thiel shot 63 percent from the field (52-of-82) to just 38 percent for Westminster (38-of-99), which was enough to cover the Titans advantage from three-point range.

Westminster shot 21-of-61 from beyond the arc to just 4-of-10 by the Tomcats. Both teams collected 47 rebounds, while Westminster forced 30 Thiel turnovers while committing 23.

Westminster returns to action on Saturday, Feb. 12, when the Titans travel for a PAC matchup at Bethany College beginning at 4 p.m.

PAC swimming and diving championships get underway

The PAC will host a pair of winter championship events during the upcoming week.

The 2005 PAC Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving Championships are scheduled for this Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 10-12, 2005 at Grove City College in Grove City, Pa.

The 2005 PAC Wrestling Championships will take place next Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005 at Rudy Marisa Gymnasium on the campus of Waynesburg College in Waynesburg, Pa.

The men's swimming & diving championship looks to be a battle between defending conference champion Grove City and Westminster.

The two teams were both unbeaten in conference action before their dual meet on Jan. 25, which saw Westminster edge Grove City by a single point,119-118.

The teams feature the top sprinters in the conference in Titan sophomore Ryan Trunk and Wolverine freshman Caleb Courage and junior Ben Haring.

Washington & Jefferson appears to be the favorite heading into the women's swimming & diving competition, although two-time defending PAC champion Westminster will likely provide a strong battle.

W&J rolled to a perfect 13-0 regular season dual meet record this year.

The Presidents are paced by freshman transfer Kaitlyn Orstein, daughter of W&J head coach Mike Orstein, who has shattered numerous school records and national "A" cut qualifying times since coming to W&J from Division I University of Tennessee during the semester break.

Thiel is the overwhelming favorite to capture its sixth consecutive PAC wrestling championship and 13th in the past 15 years.

The Matcats return all five of their conference champions from a year ago, led by juniors Aaron Gibbs (165 lbs.) and Kyle Brown (285 lbs.).

Other top grapplers to watch include senior 174-pounder Matt Smith of Washington & Jefferson and junior 149-pounder Ken Laird of Waynesburg.

The Patriots are now a dynasty: But who really cares?

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

The New England Patriots defeated the Philadelphia Eagles, 24-21, to win Super Bowl XXXIX.

The Patriots captured their third title in four years. They join the Dallas Cowboys as the only two teams in the modern NFL era to achieve the feat. The Cowboys won titles in 1992, 1993, and 1995.

While the Cowboys annihilated opponents en route to three championships, the Patriots again won a very tight game.

However, despite the close score between the Patriots and Eagles, Super Bowl XXXIX was rather bland.

In fact, everything surrounding Super Bowl XXXIX was bland. Not only the game, but also the festivities and commercials seemed uninspired.

Super Bowl XXXIX opened with six hours of pre-game coverage. Six hours? There are major news stories that don't get six minutes of attention.

Alicia Keys sang "America the Beautiful," a "duet," of sorts, with the late Ray Charles.

It was as if the Super Bowl planning committee was staying as far from "malfunction" as possible.

I mean, rest his soul, but I don't think Ray Charles was going to act out of line.

Aside from the entertainment (including a typical Fox mish mash of celebrity), the play of the game was lackluster and soft.

Though the Patriots won, I never felt as if either team wanted the victory.

Sure, for the Patriots, Tom Brady had fleeting moments of his usual sharpness and Deion Branch pulled off a Jerry Rice impersonation.

And, for the Eagles, Terrell Owens played the part of Willis Reed, rebounding admirably from a late season ankle injury.

It was just that the game carried a very dull tone.

It was uninteresting and rather devoid of suspense.

I wonder how many people outside of Boston, Providence, and Hartford really enjoyed what they'd seen.

The Super Bowl, at its finest, is as much a pageantry of Americana as it is a celebration of football excellence.

This year, however, the Super Bowl failed. No commercials aroused a belly-aching laugh; no plays caused a hoot or a holler.

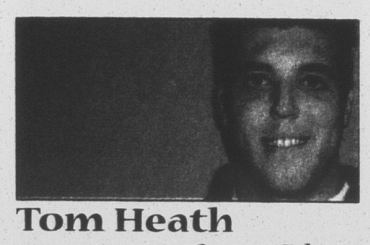
And, hell, a British guy played the halftime show.

Last season, the Super Bowl exemplified everything American.

Raucous, high-scoring, nail-biting competitiveness on the field, coupled with half-nude, sex-selling, consumerism-fueled raunchiness at halftime.

In many ways, this was the Super Bowl we earned from last season's pageant of excess.

It was as if Super Bowl XXXVIII was a Saturday night binge, and Super Bowl XXXIX was the weary, hung-over Sunday morning.



Tom Heath
Sports Editor

NHL? Lockout?

Well, I have to admit. This is without a doubt a very very sad time of the year for me. Sunday marks the end of any football that is worth watching. It's the last time players take the gridiron and really put fourth effort. Well, the Pro Bowl is left, but that is a straight up joke.

I sat down the other morning with my cup of coffee in one hand, my Wall Street Journal in the other and Sports Center happened to be on the old tube. Just like any other morning, being that I do this activity religiously, I saw the Top Ten plays of the day. Something struck me as odd.

I was only half heartedly listening as I glanced at the Journal and then it hit me. On the front page there was a blurb about the NHL lockout. Simultaneously, the Sports Center top ten came on and it all fell into place. There is no professional hockey being played within the borders of the US!

Like a lot of others around these parts, I'm not losing much sleep about it. As a matter of fact, I had really forgotten that professional hockey really even existed.

It seems like every professional sport has had some sort of dispute over contracts and collective bargaining and what not. When you use these words, there is only one thing you can refer to. This thing I speak of is Unions.

Unions were created to improve working conditions and safety, when there really wasn't any type of standard like there is today. It's interesting how, you go from using unions in manufacturing to improve safety and the well being of the blue collar worker, to professional sports.

Mere children who are paid millions of dollars to play a game and somehow they deserve a union? Give me a break! For those of you who know me, I'm no proponent of the PA Teachers' Union, but they are much more deserving of one than pro athletes. At least the teachers are educated.

Back to the NHL itself, I don't really feel as if Americans really even care that professional hockey is gone. When you think of America, you think of hot dogs, apple pie, baseball and football.

You don't think of hockey and guys from foreign countries whose names you can't even pronounce. I can ask 10 people who Ben Roethlisburger is or Barry Bonds or Mickey Mantle and I am willing to bet that everyone will know who at least one of the three are. You know why, because they are household names. Who here has ever heard of Miikka Kiprusoff or Antti Laaksonen?

That's correct, not too many. I'm not saying that there is anything wrong with hockey; it's just that we (Americans) have not embraced the sport like others.

Americans live and die with baseball and football and, well, really even basketball. Over the last 5 years or so, I cannot even really remember sitting down to watch a single hockey game. Not one game, not even the Stanley Cup. I'm amazed that I even remember the name of that silver thing that gets passed on when the champion is crowned.

Comments, questions, concerns? Don't hesitate to shoot me an email.

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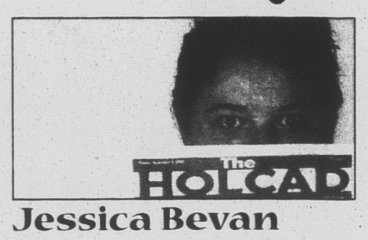
Arts & Entertainment

The periodic table of romantic comedy elements



Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

You all know we really like to drive home points here at the Holcad - well, with very little ado, I give you, the poor masses, a small beacon of hope for when you opt out of the very special 7th Heaven Valentine's Day musical episode airing Monday night. Not that the following is that much less tooth-achingly sweet.

Yes, dear friends, we're going to discuss the wonderful world in cinema reserved for romantic comedies.

Now, after careful, almost scientific analysis, I've found a few common elements and themes that run rampant throughout these films. Really, the majority of these things are interconnected. And, because I like you all so very much, there will be movies that fit the categories that don't actually suck...

1. "I hate you enough to fall in love with you." - This puts complete opposites in compromising positions, requiring them to argue and nit-pick until they have to help each other out, thus falling in love.

I imagine the underlying deal with this is that since the characters are able to pick at the absolute worst in their eventual mates, they're that much appreciative of the wonderful qualities that they stumble upon with about twenty minutes left in the movie.

One of the best examples of this is a true classic. It Happened One Night might not have been the first to do this, but it certainly helped set the standard. This movie is undoubtedly old school, but with Frank Capra (It's a Wonderful Life) doing his thing with simplistic direction and Clark Gable's smarmy charm, it all comes together. French Kiss, What Women Want, and Shrek are all pretty good modern examples.

2. Meg Ryan - The ultimate girl next door gets her own category. I don't care what else she does; Meg is at her best in romantic comedies, especially when Tom Hanks gets involved. As we all know, this dynamic duo has made three movies together, my personal favorite being You've Got Mail. This movie also is a great example for category one.

There's something I like about Kate and Leopold (probably the Hugh Jackman factor), but Meg's obviously Botoxed lips are distracting. You've Got Mail is the way to go.

3. "Please save me!" - A subcategory of #1, this is the damsel in distress deal. By some device or another, physical or emotional salvation (your choice) is necessary. In this case, the male and female lead are in some sort of positive relationship and the distressing situation makes them see how very much they love each other.

My favorite example is The Princess Bride (Truthfully, that's my all-time favorite movie, and I had to work it in there somehow.) Most of the characters could actually save themselves, but what's a story about a princess and "twue wuve" if you don't have a hero.

A less conventional variation on this theme is Chasing Amy. Here, it's the male who needs emotional saving, and the ending is more of contentment than eternal bliss, rainbows, and puppies.

Another one of my favorites in this category is Breakfast at Tiffany's. If anyone needs saved, and this time it's from herself, Holly Golightly is your girl.

5. The bumbling idiot who gets the girl anyway - This could also be called pulling a Hugh Grant. Whether it's Four Weddings and a Funeral, Notting Hill, and even in About a Boy and Love Actually, this guy can act like a complete goof and still literally charm the pants off of Julia Roberts, Andie McDowell, or Rachel Weisz.

But these are all good, entertaining movies. The man is magic. I think being British has a lot to do with it, as we are all suckers for an accent and will accept the fool for who he is.

Granted, a few moments of stupid are necessary for any romantic comedy. Would 10 Things I Hate About You have worked at all if any of the male characters truly had their acts together? It wouldn't have even been a movie. Same with Mallrats.

Really, I could go on forever about this, like the identity crisis (Shakespeare in Love) or the bad boy who needs fixin' (Grease). Of course, I could just call it a day and just snuggle up with the greatest love story of all time - Silence of the Lambs. That Hannibal Lector is so romantic.

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My big, weird, British wedding

Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

Chris: The biggest problem with the Academy moving the Oscars to the end of February is that Oscar coverage must be interrupted for one week to cover the big Valentine's Day date film of the year.

Now before I am labeled a chauvinist or insensitive, let me lay my cards on the table and admit that I cheered when Baby was taken out of the corner, Bridget Jones' Diary was one of my favorite movies that year, I own Pretty Woman, and Steel Magnolias still makes me cry.

One chick-flick (or more socially correct: woman's film) that I absolutely loved was My Best Friend's Wedding and because of that film's male lead (Dermot Mulroney) being cast in The Wedding Date, I had already assumed this would be great. Never forget that idiotic saying about assuming.

The Wedding Date stars Debra Messing of Will & Grace fame as Kat Ellis. Based on the reactions of the other characters in the film, Kat is a highly attractive, young and at least relatively successful woman who, for some reason that is never explained, cannot get a date to her sister's wedding that has likely been planned for quite some time.

What is made clear is that Kat wants to have a highly attractive date to rub it in the face of her former fiancée who happens to be the groom's best man.

Apparently there were no attractive single, available, respectable men who would date a beautiful, rich (assuming from her parents and the ability to drop thousands of dollars on a dime) woman, so Kat does the logical thing and hires Nick Mercer, male gigolo (Mulroney).

Kat is pleased with the "better-than-Rob-Schneider" looks of her hooker and proceeds on to England for the wedding. Formulaic events ensue, except for a plot twist more predictable than Gothika and last week's Hide and Seek combined, and the film ends as expected.

Unfortunately that's not quite fair to other films in this genre. What does separate those films is their attempt at showing some believability in their character's feelings. There are drunken hook-ups every week a hundred times more romantic than Kat and Nick's relationship.

I make that comparison because the closest thing to intimacy (sexual or not) in this film is essentially a drunken hook-up. Otherwise the film is derivative and boring. No one should have any doubt as to the ending.

I can't give the film a F on grounds that I must say that it did try to focus on its target audience. Lots of visuals of Mulroney naked or nearly naked certainly hit its mark. So normally I'd bump this up to a D.

However, considering one of the last thoughts in the film is that you can marry someone who has hurt you because you know you can hold it over their head forever, this film gets a D- and is worth no one's time or money. This Valentine's Day, stay at home, cook dinner and rent a classic instead.

Tom: While Chris does make a good argument against The Wedding Date, and his points are valid, I disagree with his verdict. Now I know that The Wedding Date is not a perfect film by any means... not even a great film. However, was this film made to win Oscars...definitely not.

This film was tailor-made for the Valentine's season. It stars Debra Messing in her first starring vehicle opposite the hunk of hunks Dermot Mulroney, and trust me ladies you won't be disappointed to say the least.

Now I agree with Chris that the story structure is certainly the weakest part of the film, but I don't believe it is a fatal error.

This film is hard to describe because to be honest, it is incredibly random. The wedding is in London, therefore, a vast array of Brits come into the story resulting in unpredictable events. These events aren't really explained, they just sort of happen.

It has been a long time since I have laughed so much because of one single character. I don't know who Sarah Parish is, but I know she is bloody brilliant as the sex-crazed bridesmaid TJ.

Her presence on the screen is astounding and maybe that's why I liked this movie so much. She would always have a comment to say, and I was waiting to see what she would say next. Honestly, I would rather see an entire film about her character than the rest of the people in it.

However, since this is about the other people, I do see many weaknesses in the film. The acting isn't that wonderful, the story really doesn't make sense in the long run, and yes the ending is somewhat odd.

Nevertheless, I found myself enjoying the film which kind of bothers me. I guess that's because this is a Valentine's Day film. These films are made because no one is really focused on the movie when they are out for Valentine's. Therefore, have a good time and go see The Wedding Date. B-

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11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
4:15 PM Biology Seminar — Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
7:00 PM Gender Studies Program and Performance: Vagina Monologues — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
7:30 PM Wind Ensemble Winter Concert — Orr Auditorium
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater
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February 12, 2005
World Vision 30-Hour Famine
11:00 AM Snowball Classic Slo-PitchSoftball Tournament — Softball Field
7:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM Gender Studies Program and Performance: Vagina Monologues — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Night Owl Bowling (two cars) — MCC Entrance (Shaw Hall Side)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

February 13, 2005
2:00 PM Gender Studies Program and Performance: Vagina Monologues — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
3:00 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater
7:00 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

February 14, 2005
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Kappa Delta Tsunami Penny War Relief Effort — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kappa Delta Tsunami Penny War Relief Effort — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

February 15, 2005
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5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kappa Delta Tsunami Penny War Relief Effort — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
5:00 PM Career Center's Dine & Shine — MCC Witherspoon Rooms
5:15 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314
5:30 PM 'Green' Buildings on Campus Informational Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater
9:00 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255
9:00 PM Newman Club — MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

February 16, 2005
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Kappa Delta Tsunami Penny War Relief Effort — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
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February 17, 2005
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Kappa Delta Tsunami Penny War Relief Effort — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
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GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Investigate a new and intriguing school of thought, philosophy or political interest. Do not hesitate to ask questions and formulate your own opinions.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Pay attention to an investment account held jointly with a partner or friend and avoid unexpected losses. Make sure that you are both on the same page.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): No matter how odd or far-fetched an idea might be, keep your thoughts to yourself and give your partner or mate your full support. Just say yes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): The way to goal achievement and success is strewn with unexpected challenges and problems this week. Stay on course and follow a preset plan.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Sit down to set goals and discuss shared strategies for the future with an associate or loved one. Input from two people is far more intriguing than one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Jump off of the roller coaster of emotions you have been riding and rest your heart on solid ground. If possible, spend some quiet, meditative time alone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You will be viewed as the idea merchant this week. Use your creative concepts or insights to help solve some major problems.

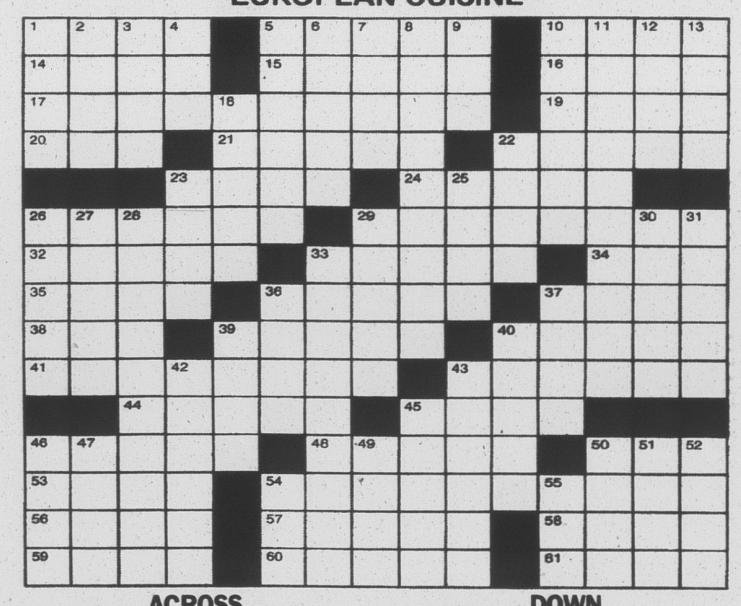
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Keep close tabs on your money or it will quickly disappear into thin air. Put yourself on a budget and do your best to save for a rainy day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Self-doubt could knock the wind out of your sails and send you in retreat or spinning. Dare to believe in yourself and conquer the world.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your imagination is very active this week. Do not be surprised if a passing thought happens to be the answer you have been looking for.

CROSSWORD

EUROPEAN CUISINE



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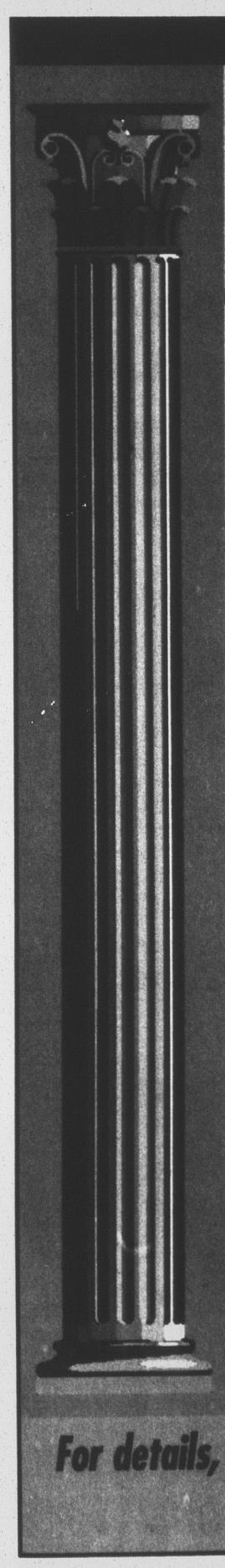

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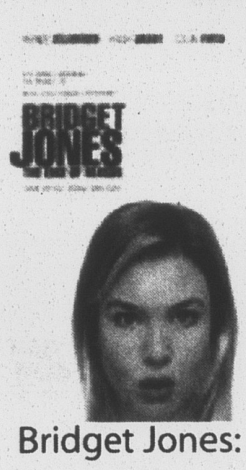

Bridget Jones: Edge of Reason

Alfie

Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater
Friday: 8:00 PM
Saturday: 10:30 PM
Sunday: 3:00PM
Friday: 10:30 PM
Saturday: 8:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 PM

FRIDAY!
Titan'sTavern
10:00 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

SATURDAY!
Night Owl Bowling
10:00 p.m.
Meet in front of McKelvey
$2/WC student-Others pay at lanes2 van are available to ride

Late Nights
Monday-Tuesday-Thursday
10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Vagina Monologues Performace
Saturday-Friday
7:00 p.m.
Sunday
2:00 p.m.
Berlin Student Lounge

COMING SOON...
Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

Feb.18	Mid Winter Jazz Concert
Feb. 25	Titan Tavern
Feb. 26	Night Owl Bowling
March 11-13	Lil Sib's Weekend
Mar. 11	Titan Tavern
Mar.12	Night Owl Bowling
Apr. 2	Night Owl Bowling
Apr. 8	Titan Tavern
Apr.16	Relay for Life
Apr.16	Night Owl Bowling
Apr.22	Titan Tavern
Apr.23	Sing n Swing
Apr.30	Volley Rock

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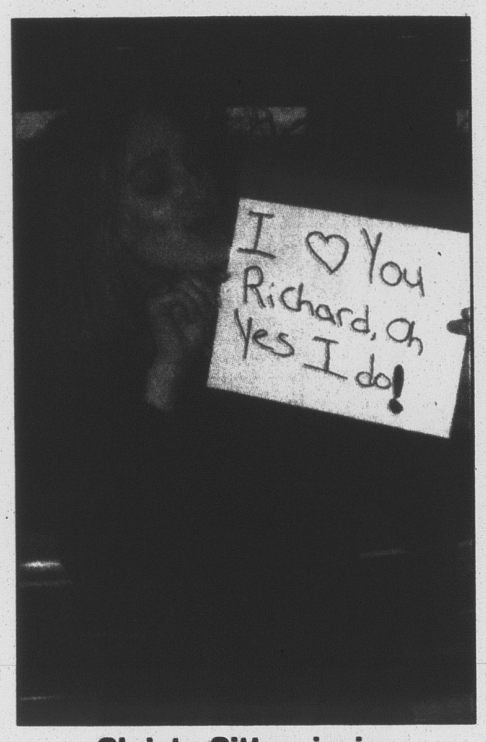

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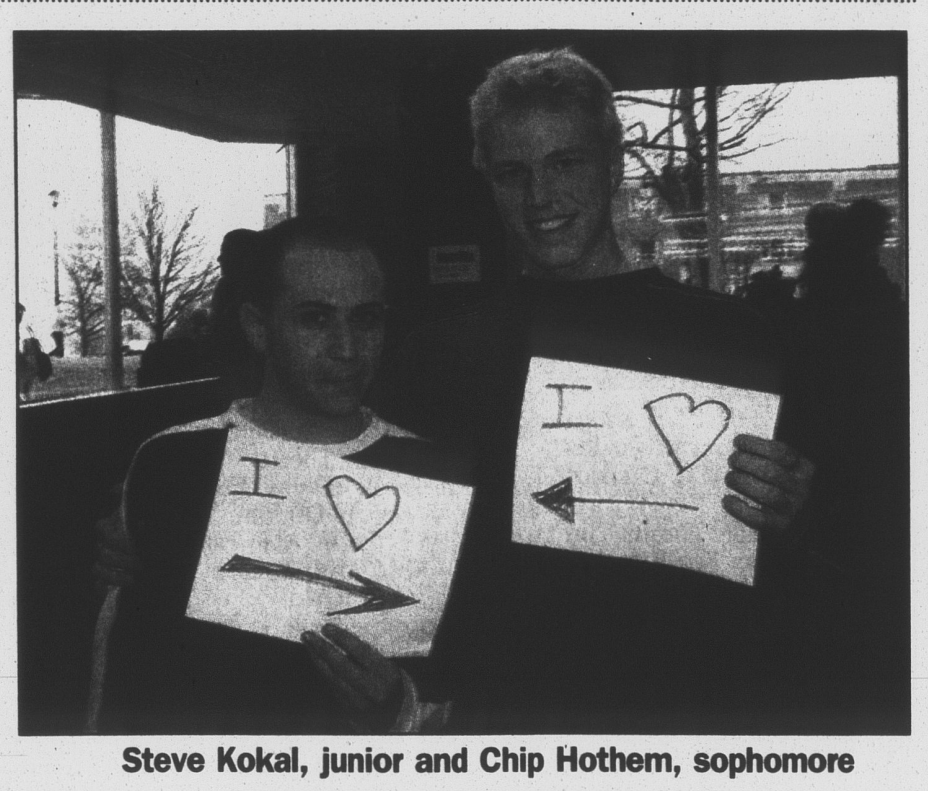

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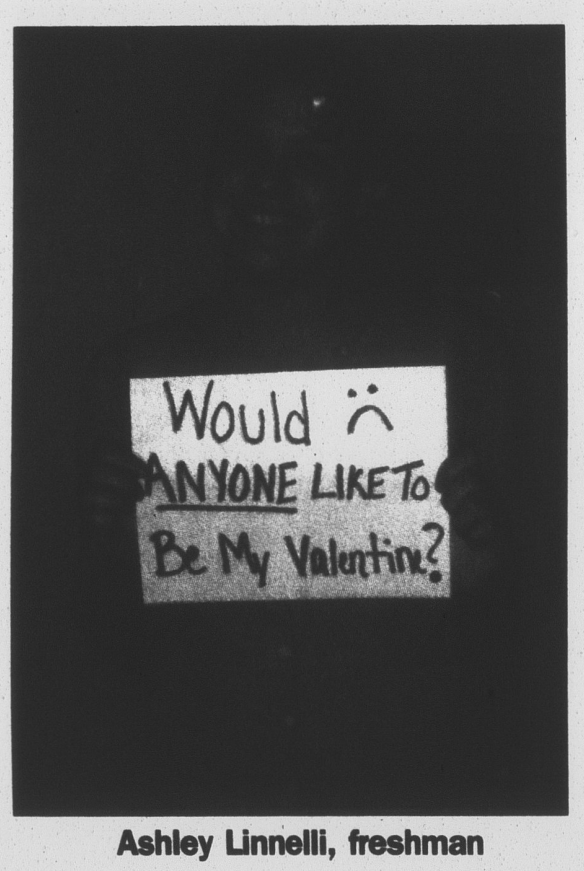

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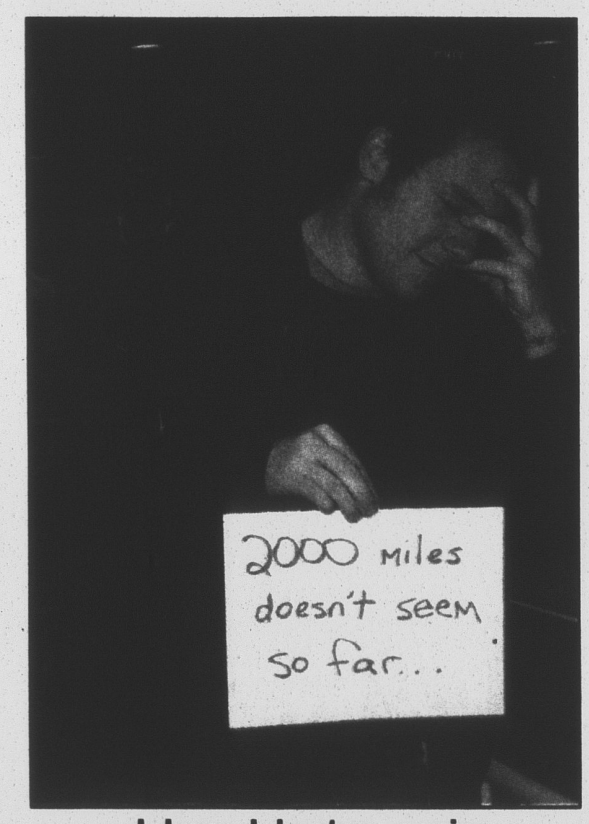

Johnny Johnston, senior

A Match Made in The Holcad

Thanks to everyone who applied for the "A Match Made in The Holcad" contest. We wanted to set all you up on magnificent dates, worthy only of The Holcad, but we can't feed too many for free!

Look for the winners' grand take of romance in next week's edition.

What I've learned from 4 years of dating at Westminster College

Megan Sigler
Editor-in-Chief

I know what you're thinking. "Megan, you're the editor-in-chief of The Holcad! You must have amazingly attractive men knocking down your door all the time!"

Oh kind and naïve readers. While I admit that my game is impressive and that my newspaper is sexy beyond all reason, I have learned during my four years here that it takes more than the mastery of print journalism to land a fine man on this campus. Surprising, I know, but true.

It takes skills, protective armor and occasionally, a miracle of divine intervention.

But even with all the essentials, the smoothest talkers and most experienced daters at Westminster can still lose hope at our romantically-challenged college.

Take it from an expert. You don't survive for four years on this campus without breaking some hearts and getting your own broken along the way. And you can't learn any lessons in love without making a few wise but mostly stupid decisions on your journey. So, in the name of all things Valentine's Day, I present to you what I've learned about dating at Westminster College. A Westminster Dating Guide for Dummies, if you will. So keep reading. You might learn a few things. Or at least get a good laugh.

Once you embark on the narrow path of dating at our fine institution, many questions arise as to what an official "date" constitutes. Let me help you. If it starts at a frat party and ends the next morning with the walk of shame, then it does not count as a date. Somehow, we have managed to confuse the term "dating" with "anything involving a keg." However, a trip to Wal-Mart and dinner at Wendy's does count. Any off-campus adventure can be quite liberating and allow you the opportunity to get to know a lot about someone. And isn't that the whole purpose of a date? After all, nothing says romance like rolling back discount prices, let me tell you.

When looking for the man or woman to take on your dream date, everyone seems to have a "type." For girls, that type is normally "insensitive jerk," and for guys, that type tends to be "overly needy" or "hey, I sleep around." While these may all be fine attributes for potential suitors, I encourage you expand your horizons by dating different kinds of people. You may think you know what your "type" is, but you could surprise yourself by connecting with someone completely unexpected. So don't limit yourself. And hey, I hear those Holcad editors are pretty sweet, too.

So say you've followed my infallible advice and you have finally met someone whom you can talk to without the influence of cheap beer. Congratulations! Now everyone at Westminster knows about it. That's right. You can't hang out with anyone new at this college without the entire student body talking about it the next day. Dating at Westminster is like playing six degrees of separation, because once you've dated one person at Westminster, you've linked yourself to the entire campus.

"But Megan, sweet sage of romance," you may ask. "What if I follow your witty yet wise words of advice, and I still can't find a worthy date?" Have faith, gentle readers. With all the emphasis Valentine's Day places on finding the perfect person, we college students easily forget that being single isn't so bad after all. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time spent in a couple just as much as I have enjoyed my time spent solo on this fine campus of love. Unattached? Don't waste your valuable time complaining about not having someone. Take advantage of your glorious single state and focus on yourself. And while you're busy being fabulous, don't be surprised if a lucky guy or girl takes notice when you're least expecting it. Until then, keep pimping.

Traditional romance preferred over fraternity party hook-ups

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer

I'm throwing a soiree - it's actually called "The Valentine's Day Mr. Darcy Party." I left the University of the South with an honorary degree in hostessing - so I figured I'd access this proclivity of pouring pink punch into Solo cups - packing that ability into neat little pastel rows and elegantly push it right to the extreme.

Yes, I'm planning an illustrious fete right here on this frozen tundra campus, this dark void, this "The University of the North."

Now, you wouldn't assume that such a little tete-à-tete filled with fancy dishes of pot de creme, some brie, some gouda, grapes, and all the essential palatable red stuff would make the vixens elate whilst the good sirs irk -shuffling off- scattering into their respected unkempt quarters.

Indeed gentle reader, I've posed many an invitation on a young lad -and they've scoffed - rebuking my kindness gouging out an un-prim, "Who's Mr. Darcy?" Or, the worst expostulation ever, "Do I have to wear a bow-tie-what? Ok, a tie? Wait, are you kidding, you're really funny."

No, gentle reader, I am not funny. I am speaking for the height of punctuality; I expect manners.

Good lads, I propose this party for the prima face: (the primary reason) you can't coo to Colin Firth and giggle at young lads on their frat domain. Lasses will concur with me: all you can do there is drink flat PBR or flip your hair (Of which neither practice will be deemed appropriate at my soiree).

Rather, let's create an ambience of soft lights and romantic music. Let's have P&P (Pride & Prejudice), let's have men in proper coat and attire - with lasses lingering on their thoughtful dapper words. And for all those who haven't devoured the Jane Austen, the screen Mr. Darcy will be there-so by all means, come - I'll introduce you!

Imagine, gentle reader, a delightful little chit chat and digression where pontificating on art, science, literature, and the like is considered divine.

My party takes us away from that meat market expo- not punishing the flesh- but enlightening it -filling it within the warm and illustrious ambience of Ferguson Hall. Here, we can marinate the minds, not our bodies!

Yes! Let us invigorate our thoughts with the humanities for one evening, talk of delightful dusty books that you've shelved high in the recesses of your head. We shall sample on graces without hypocrisy and understand pride without arrogance.

You see, just as you had to stop, ponder and re-read that last sentence - I want you at this fete to sip from that Solo cup of reddish reflection while waxing away on those really run-on deep thoughts.

Perchance you'll throw back a witty reply or comeback to a vixen or a good sir as you remember random intelligence.

I can hear you quoting wise sages or illustrating what Clare Booth Luce denotes, "a thought has no sex."

Yes, there you are - at ease-standing at my party. You are engaged - your face out of that over-drunk cup of capitalized-co-modified-cupid-heart-shaped-marketed "Valentine's Day Crap."

You smile. You already know those roses that prick, the chocolate that's stale, that male strumpet who asks you to dinner and then sings his sad song: "Hey baby, I don't know you, but let's go to dinner and then for breakfast - maybe I'll make you..."

No, no, no. My party is not about these encumbrances. It is to get you out of that "Easy-Mac Dating World" and put you into my little enclave of "love."

Date: Valentine's Day
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Ferguson Lobby
Dress: Cocktail. Young lads required to wear tie or bow-tie.

Here in my symposium-high echelon of safety, you shall truly feel the reason why I've gone overboard on the cheap drink, the cheap chocolate, and the cheap décor; I want you to laugh, to delight and to imbue the higher you! I want you enjoying yourselves and each other at our grande festivity! And if all this works out, then you are all cordially invited to the "Gatsby Gala" in the Spring!

Where not to take your date on V-Day: My Brother's Place Restaurant

By Greg Smith
Food Critic

It's already that time of the year again: the birds are chirping, the bees are buzzing, and the flowers are blooming.

Let me just clear things up; I'm not talking about spring, what I'm talking about is Valentines Day. You know that Hallmark invented holiday where everyone feels the need to express their undying love to someone, as a matter of fact it - doesn't matter who that person is because in approximately one month during spring break that special person from February 14 will probably turn out to be nothing more than a pathetic attempt at a booty call.

However, if you insist on partaking in this joyous celebration of hormones, at least try to do it with a little bit of tact.

In order to get a grasp on how to have a successful Valentines Date here's a list of things you should do: First, check out Tom and Chris' movie review section for all the information you'll need on selecting a good movie to start out the night; Next read the rest of this column in order to avoid making a culinary mistake; Finally, get up off the futon, go over to your computer and remove Barry White's "Let's Get It On" from your computer's playlist.

I'm sure that you are just dying to know where I chose to write my Valentine's Day restaurant review, right? Well, as I was driving around looking for a place worthy of my presence, I came across a billboard that read "The best kept family secret... My Brother's Place."

What can I say, my gut instinct told me that this place had to be good, I mean it was "the best kept family secret," so I decided to take a chance and visit My Brother's Place Restaurant and Pub.

In hindsight as soon as I walked into the dining room I should have just nonchalantly excused myself and ran out the door screaming like a little schoolgirl who didn't receive any valentines in her Valentines Day Box in 4th grade.

Instead, I thought I would act in a more appropriate manner and at least see what kind of food the place offered. I mean, as long as you're with someone you "love" and you're busy gazing deep into their eyes the surrounding environment shouldn't matter that much.

The menu appeared to offer a wide selection from sandwiches to pasta dishes to steaks to seafood. However, upon further examination of the menu I become alarmed to see that they offer baked beans... as a standard side!

I mean what kind of restaurant offers baked beans as a standard side with oh say a steak?

Then I hear words that put everything into perspective - "We have different types of beer: Coors Lite, Miller Lite, Old Milwaukee."

That's when I realized that the billboard that lured me here should have in all actuality read "What happens in the family stays in the family... My Brothers Place."

It was too late at this point to get up and leave as I had already placed my order, so I just sat there and hoped for the best.

As my food began to come out of the kitchen it looked as if though everything was going to be safe, perhaps the meal would even be delicious due to the very generous portions of melted cheese that oozed from my plate.

In all honesty, I can't say that my meal was terrible. I mean cardboard really doesn't taste terrible, it's just a little bland. I suppose that while the meal was bland, leaving me with explosive diarrhea afterwards, at least the service was courteous, prompt, and not creepy.

My suggestion is to steer clear of My Brothers Place if you're looking to have a successful V-Day Date.

However, if you got suckered into a blind date or you just want to break up with somebody in an unusually cruel manner on Valentine's Day, then I recommend paying My Brothers Place a visit.

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Students patiently wait in line for lunch at the TUB. The lines are the longest during the peak hours of 11:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. The overcrowded TUB causes a problem for students and faculty members trying to make it to their classes on time.

Next, please...

By Katie Alcorn
Campus Writer

Sophomore Ashley Johnson has an hour to grab lunch between the time her religion class ends and her physics class begins, an hour that flies by on the days she eats at the TUB.

During the lunch rush at the TUB, which begins at 11:30 a.m. and ends approximately at 1:30 p.m., hundreds of people come to buy food, resulting in a chaotic atmosphere. As the staff hurries to get people their food and see them checked out in a timely fashion, the crowd continues to build, particularly on Mon., Wed., and Fri.

"In a 30-minute period, we have as many as 250 to 260 people buy lunch," said TUB employee Beth Sammons.

The problem results from classes ending right at lunch time. Hungry students and professors flood the TUB searching for food.

"Wednesday is the worst day. That day, faculty forum lets out at the same time as classes, and everyone shows up at once," said Sammons.

Sammons further explained that the appeal of the TUB is its convenience. A lot of people just want to grab something to eat and go, instead of sitting down to a meal. Since the TUB is the only place on campus where this kind of service is available, people take advantage of it. Unfortunately, convenience comes at a price.

"I usually grab whatever is fastest," Johnson said. "Then, I'm not satisfied with what I'm eating. The system is insane, inadequate, complicated and frustrating."

According to TUB employee Pat Salman, the problem started at the beginning of this school year when the checkout system changed. Last year, there were two registers at the same location and customers formed two lines. This year, one of the registers was moved closer to the sub station to try to decrease the chaos. If anything, however, this intensified the problem.

"I'd say it was better last year," Salman said. "But we do the best we can."

According to Sammons, there are plans to increase the efficiency of the TUB during lunch. As of right now, hiring part-time employees is the most immediate solution. In a year or two, the size of the TUB might be increased too, but nothing is definite yet.

New credit card policy: Priceless?

By Katie Pride
Campus Writer

The campus is taking very seriously the recent studies showing that credit card debt has risen to its highest levels among college students in the United States.

Fresh Start just got longer for all incoming first-year students. The new College Credit Card and Marketing (S 157) bill requires an orientation on credit card debt.

The campus is taking very seriously the recent studies showing that credit card debt has risen to its highest levels among college students in the United States.

In an attempt to help prepare students with their new responsibilities, and also in compliance with the guidelines laid out in the State Bill S 157, this campus has decided to change the Credit Card and Marketing Policy.

"When we asked them [the Student Life and Athletic Council] about the new policy they advised us they don't want credit card companies here at all," Camille Hawthorne, Associate Dean of Student Affairs said.

The bill was passed by the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania and was also signed by the Governor on July 15, 2005.

The bill asked colleges and universities to take into account five different things when setting up a policy dealing with credit care marketing.

These five things include: requiring registration, limiting the areas where marketers can go, not allowing gifts in exchange for a completed credit card application, providing debt literature in the bookstore and including a presentation on the dangers of credit cards in orientation.

Here on campus, the members of SLAC decided that guildlines are great; however, our campus doesn't need credit card vendors.

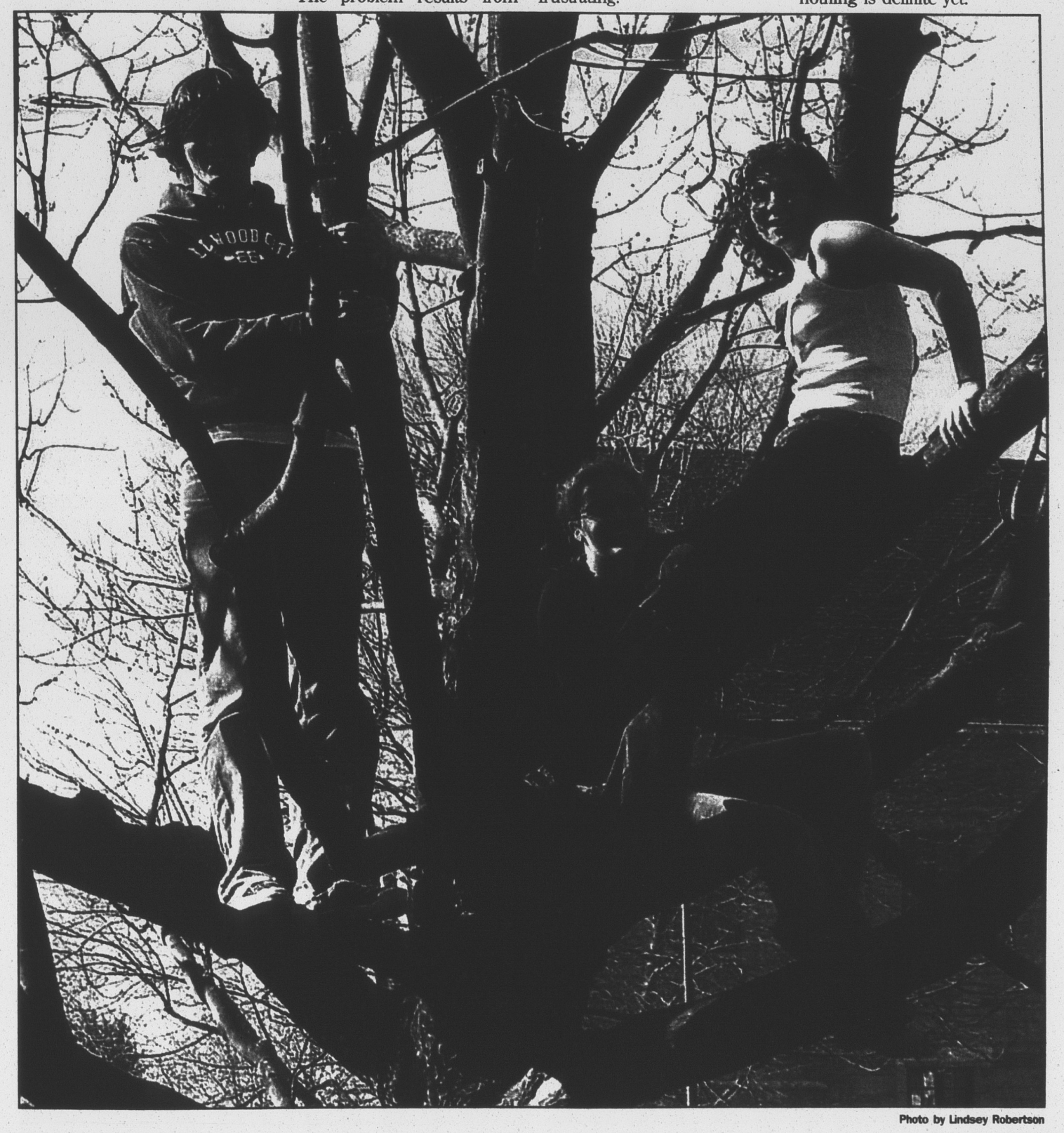
"They take up a lot of room and used to be able to offer students gifts for signing up. This in return caused students to receive a lot of unwanted phone calls and mail because of it," said SLAC member Stephanie Martin.

Even though credit card vendors will not be allowed now on campus, changes are still going to be made.

The Credit Card Marketing Policy stated, "The College will conduct a credit card management workshop for all first-year students during the traditional Fall Orientation Program (Fresh Start)."

The policy went on to say that a second workshop will be offered early in the spring semester to the entire campus community.

The campus hopes by offering credit card workshops they'll inform young adults on the dangers of credit cards. With the support of SGA and SLAC, this new policy regarding credit cards will hopefully have a positive effect on students.



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Hanging Around

Sophomore Dan Wren, freshman Tabitha Kupec and sophomore Sky Yaple enjoy the warm weather on Tuesday, Feb. 16 outside of McGill. Many other students and faculty took advantage of the warm weather by organizing ultimate frisbee or having class outdoors.

Something afoot at the Circle K: Shoe drive to help kids

By Angela Donnell
Campus Writer

In order to clean the environment and help children, Circle K is collecting shoes for the rest of the year as part of a recycling drive.

Circle K, along with the New Wilmington Kiwanis club, is sponsoring a shoe drive to last until the end of 2005. The drive is part of the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program.

Through this program, Nike is able to recycle used worn out shoes and use them to help better the environment.

"This is a small part, but a part of Westminster's commitment to recycling," said Clarence Harms, faculty advisor of Circle K.

The Kiwanis club has placed 25 barrels around the area, nine of which Circle K placed on this campus.

Barrells were placed within Hillside Hall, Ferguson Hall, Browne Hall, Galbreath Hall, Russell Hall, Shaw Hall, Old 77, the field house, and the McKelvey Campus center. The barrels can be found around the main lobby area of each building. They are garbage cans that are labeled.

Nike is collecting every type and make of athletic shoe, except cleats, and shoes with metal eyelets.

Kiwanis and Circle K check the barrels and then collect the shoes to send to the Nike factory store in Grove City. Any shoe can be brought in. If the Kiwanis members believe that the shoe may have a second life, they will take them to the Salvation Army.

This is not a fundraiser for these clubs. The reason they are doing this project is because when the shoes are recycled, they will help children all over the world. The shoes will be cut into three parts and the rubber will be used to help build playgrounds and synthetic basketball courts.

The New Wilmington Kiwanis club president, Mary Ann Harms, chose this project after seeing an article in the Youngstown News.

"I saw the article and I thought this would be a great project for us to do because it would benefit not only the environment, but children," said Harms.

Throughout the year, Circle K participates in the Bowl For Kids Sake fundraiser, sponsors a snowball winter formal, and plants trees with local preschoolers. They are also sponsoring the upcoming Charles Barkley autographed basketball raffle fundraiser for Iodine Deficiency Disorder.

Circle K is the college branch of the Kiwanis club. The goal that Kiwanis has set for the Reuse-A-Shoe drive is 5,000 shoes in 2005. Though, they are hoping that the drive will be more successful, and they will be able to continue doing it into 2006.

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Opinion

Rant & Rave

Oooooooo.

Never trust the online food menus. They're always wrong.

You won't do it.

I love finals.

The mayfly lives only one day, and sometimes it rains.

There's no such thing as nothing.

Girls just wanna have fun.

Nothing beats the bi-polar weather of western Pennsylvania.

This isn't a needle in a haystack, this is a needle in Kansas.

Why is Webshots blocked on campus? Very not fair.

Go big or go home.

How come we only ask ourselves the really big questions when something bad happens?

You were a very good Valentine. Thanks.

We're going to make it after all.

Wipe that face off your head.

Do you think your career progress is being thwarted by your inability to make a parallelogram?

It is inevitable to be drawn back into human drama.

The only money in my family is underneath the couch cushions.

I own you.

There are three things I don't do: tan, date and sing in public.

That's what life is - a series of down endings.

A psychic dressed like Marilyn Monroe told me I'd be married with two kids by the time I'm 30.

I don't get many things right the first time. In fact, I'm told that a lot.

It's raining pain.

You still won't do it.

Nevermind the bollucks.

The best time to write a quality paper is at 3 am. No other time of day will do.

Fish sticks!

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

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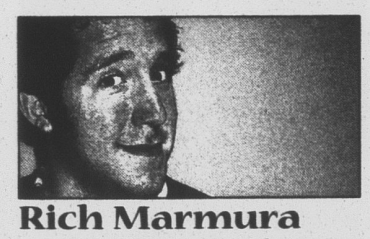

Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

Well, love him or hate, George W. Bush has been sworn in for another four years as President of the United States. What I am about to say will surely irritate people on the political right and left. And that "startling revelation" is "Nothing is going to change!".

That's right folks, nothing is going to change! Abortion? Abortion is legal now and it will most likely still be legal in four years. There is no Constitutional Amendment banning gay marriage now and there won't be in the next four years. Yes that's right, for all the whining and complaining done on both sides during last year's campaigns, not too much is going to change.

But why won't anything change, after all, the candidates were different enough. Or were they? For instance, which candidate was a member of "Skull and Bones" while attending Yale and has a family lineage that can be traced back to Vlad the Impaler (aka Dracula)? If you guessed BOTH candidates, you would be correct. George and John are, according to the "New York Daily News", ninth cousins twice removed.

Now while this division is slightly larger than "seven degrees of separation", the question persists "can't we find anyone else?" I mean, honestly, we have close to 300,000,000 people in this country and we have 2 white, Yale-educated, upper-north eastern (don't let Bush's "accent" full you...Kennebunkport anyone?) guys who never had real jobs in their lives, who are technically related to each other running for President. Is this the best we can do? I don't think so.

I believe that part of the problem with our government is the fact that we continually elect the same types of people to public office; namely awkward, rich white guys who don't understand how average people live. We continually elect the same group of people and we continually find ourselves in the same problems: ie war and debt; and yet we can't understand why. I would like to propose that because we elect the same type of people to office constantly, we are offered the same "solutions" which never truly fix the problems. Our public servants offer us political band-aids, when we really need a political organ transplant. We don't need the same old ideas rehashed with some shinny name like "No Child Left Behind", we need new ideas and new leaders.

I contend that in order for our country to truly move forward and live up to its potential, we must be what our founding fathers wanted us to be; namely a "Government of the People, By the People, for the People". The key word there is "people". Notice it didn't say a "Government of the white, upper-class, Yale educated men for the white, upper-class, Yale educated men by the white, upper-class, Yale educated men."

Our founding fathers feared political parties and the threat of a ruling oligarchy; and therefore I propose that we need to change. If we truly want change in this country, we need to stop electing people that have no inherent differences. We hear constantly about "experience in government" and I am starting to think that this "experience" is a bad thing. It seems that the experience that many of our politicians refer to is mostly experience at lying, creating huge and uncontrollable debt, being shills of corporate/private interests and being, in general, partisan hacks.

We need people in government who care, above all for the people that they serve. Too often it seems that our elected officials care more for their own well being than ours. For instance, the national government has terrible debt problems, yet each of our Senators and Congressmen received pay increases for this past year. Senators make approximately $170,000 per year, despite the fact that most American families make nowhere near that much in a year (many families with two parents working more than one job). My point is that if most Americans aren't making $170,000 per year, why should our public servants? It seems that if we are going to make cuts to veterans, schools, health care and such; that our elected officials should have the decency to lead by example and take a pay cut.

So, in the end, who should run office? There is really no specific qualification that makes anyone inherently better or worse than anyone else. All you need is strength, compassion, drive and a little luck. And perhaps, not being a descendent of Dracula might help. Remember, the founding fathers created this country for all of us; so use it. And remember, regime change begins at home.

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Can money buy happiness? Yes...yes it can

By Amie Ward
University of Maryland Diamondback

Aside from the practical things that keep us alive (food, shelter, ESPN), there are a variety of things that bring us happiness. Basically it boils down to what your poison is. Do cars make you happy? Diamonds? Oompa Loompas?

Have you ever heard someone say they'd rather be poor and happy than rich and miserable? Have you also wondered what it was they were smoking and where you might be able to score some? If this is you, then you have come to the right column. Today I am going to enlighten you with the answer to the question scholars and philosophizing drunk people alike have debated for many years: Can money buy happiness? The answer: You bet your sweet ass it can.

Aside from the practical things that keep us alive (food, shelter, ESPN), there are a variety of things that bring us happiness. Basically it boils down to what your poison is. Do cars make you happy? Diamonds? Oompa Loompas? If it has a price, it can be bought.

Being poor will clearly not bring you happiness unless you have a nifty little sugar daddy or mommy to buy you all the things you desire.

If you are not so fortunate as to have this luxury or perhaps a wealthy benefactor, you may be forced to pick up a job. Since we are college students, scoring a six-figure income is out of the question. Though working some mind-numbing minimum-wage job through college might seem like an absolute waste, it actually has some benefits.

I get up at 4 a.m. some days just to walk into the coffee shop where I work and serve rich snotty yuppies who fart in my general direction and treat me like a big steaming pile of cow manure. Not only do I earn some dough doing this, but I also gain valuable knowledge about the companies my customers and their affiliates work for. This way, when I grow up and become filthy rich, I can buy out their companies and fire them for tormenting me in my stressed-out college years. Undoubtedly this will make me incredibly happy. See, money can buy happiness.

If being in love makes you happy, then money can work for you too. Money may not allow you to buy someone outright, but it sure can buy you a nice rack. These days, cosmetic surgery can buy you whatever addition or subtraction you've been obsessing about ever since the day back in fourth grade when the kids on the playground cursed you with a haunting nickname such as Dumbo or Saddle Bags.

Start saving now, and some day in the near future you may be able to transform your body into the ultimate sex object, therefore attracting that narcissistic dreamboat you've had a crush on since freshman orientation. You can then become a member of the Beautiful People Club, where everything is glorious and people shower you with gifts.

OK, maybe that's a lie, but in this world, being super attractive can potentially get you anywhere you want to go in life because roughly 90 percent of the population is egocentric, vain and idiotic.

When I am rich, perhaps I will work on a way to eliminate those people's ability to procreate, which consequently will make numerous people besides myself very happy. The possibilities just seem endless.

Somewhere along the line, if it hasn't happened to you already, some namby-pamby individual is going to give you a lecture on why he or she thinks money can't buy happiness. Even though these people are clearly stupid and misinformed, having patience and enduring their lamentation will reward you with the perfect opportunity to "serve" them. When they start giving you cliched stories about people who have won the lottery and later led a life of complete misery, simply inform them those people were morons who didn't think to hire a dozen ninjas to battle intruders and keep greedy family and friends at bay. Should your best friend question the integrity of your monetary convictions, coyly ask him if you were wrong in thinking that the $40 lap dance he bought at the strip club last night made him happy.

I think he'll get the point after that.

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Outside the Bubble

REGIONAL

Pennsylvania Senator announces he has Hodgkin's disease

By Jesse J. Holland
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WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Judiciary Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., announced Wednesday that he has Hodgkin's disease but expects to continue to work in the Senate while being treated.

"I have beaten a brain tumor, bypass heart surgery and many tough political opponents and I'm going to beat this, too," Specter said in a statement.

Hodgkin's disease is a type of cancer involving the lymph nodes. Specter will receive chemotherapy every two weeks for up to 32 weeks at the Abramson Cancer Center at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, a release from his office said.

Specter's doctor, John H. Glick, said he has an "excellent chance of being completely cured."

Specter, a 75-year-old Pennsylvania moderate who just won re-election to his Senate seat, became Judiciary chairman in January.

He went through double bypass surgery in June 1998, had a benign brain tumor removed in 1993 and underwent radiation to treat another tumor in 1996.

Specter also has undergone two hernia operations in less than two years. He had to briefly delay a December trip to the Middle East to schedule the minor surgery.

"My prayers and sympathies go out to Arlen, his wife and his entire family," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. "I am confident that he will recover fully and look forward to his speedy return to the United States Senate."

Specter's Pennsylvania colleague, fellow Republican Rick Santorum, said he had spoken with Specter late Wednesday. "His spirits are up and he feels confident that he will get through this," Santorum said.

Democrats also wished him well. "All of us who serve with Chairman Specter on the Judiciary Committee, Democrats and Republicans, regret that our friend is facing this new challenge," said Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the committee's top Democrat.

Added Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., "Senator Specter is one of the brightest and hardest working legal minds in the Senate and we hope he is back to chairing Judiciary Committee meetings soon."

Specter is the first Pennsylvanian elected to five Senate terms, but his 2004 victory was the toughest of his career. Specter barely defeated a conservative former congressman in an April 2004 primary in a race where his age was contrasted with that of his youthful-looking opponent. However, Specter handily won the general election in November.

Intellectual and prickly, Specter is one of a dwindling breed of moderate Republicans in an increasingly polarized Senate. He plays squash nearly every day and likes to unwind with a martini or two at night.

Specter has been absent all week and will miss Thursday's Judiciary Committee meeting, in which senators are expected to vote on a bankruptcy measure. The Senate leaves Friday and does not return until March 1, when the Judiciary Committee holds its first hearing on President Bush's judicial nominees.

Specter fought to be Judiciary chairman earlier this year after right-wing Republicans pushed to have him replaced with a more conservative GOP senator. He has promised to be a strong advocate for all of Bush's judicial nominees.

Even without Specter, Republicans have enough votes to push Bush's judicial nominees out of committee. The GOP holds a 10-8 advantage on that committee.

NATIONAL

House looks endorses hike in broadcast indecency fines

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Chafing over a "wardrobe malfunction" and racy radio shock-jock programs, the House overwhelmingly passed a bill Wednesday authorizing unprecedented fines for indecency.

Lawmakers sought to hit broadcasters where it hurts - the pocketbook - in approving the measure 389-38, rejecting criticism that the penalties would stifle free speech and expression and further homogenize programming.

The bill would increase the maximum fine from $32,500 to $500,000 for a company and from $11,000 to $500,000 for an individual entertainer.

"With passage of this legislation, I am confident that broadcasters will think twice about pushing the envelope," said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., chairman of the House telecommunications panel and author of the bill. "Our kids will be better off for it."

The White House said in a statement that it strongly supports the legislation that "will make broadcast television and radio more suitable for family viewing."

A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate, where it has broad bipartisan support. Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, chairman of the Commerce Committee, has said he wants to act on the bill quickly, but he hasn't given a timetable.

Any differences in the two bills would have to be resolved before it can go to President Bush for his signature.

Last year the two chambers were unable to reach a compromise.

Opponents said they were concerned that stiffer fines by the Federal Communications Commission would lead to more self-censorship by broadcasters and entertainers unclear about the definition of "indecent."

They cited the example of several ABC affiliates that did not air the World War II drama "Saving Private Ryan" last years because of worries that violence and profanity would lead to fines, even though the movie already had aired on network TV.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said changing the channel is the best way for families to avoid racy programming.

"But the prurient Puritans of this House are not satisfied with free choice and the free market," Nadler said.

"Instead, they want the government to decide what is or is not appropriate for the public to watch or listen to."

Andrew Jay Schwartzman, chief executive officer of the Media Access Project, a law firm that represents small broadcasters, said some of his clients already are censoring themselves because they can't risk fines at the current level.

National Association of Broadcasters spokesman Dennis Wharton said voluntary industry initiatives are preferable to government regulation in addressing programming issues.

He added that there is often more explicit content on cable and satellite channels, which are not subject to indecency fines but can be just as easily accessible to children.

Under FCC rules and federal law, radio stations and over-the-air television channels cannot air obscene material at any time, and cannot air indecent material between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

The FCC defines obscene material as describing sexual conduct "in a patently offensive way" and lacking "serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value." Indecent material is not as offensive but still contains references to sex or excretions.

The FCC has stepped up enforcement of the indecency statute, perhaps most notably with a $550,000 fine against CBS for Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" during last year's Super Bowl halftime show. Radio personality Howard Stern also has been a frequent target.

"The 2004 Super Bowl crystallized the notion that something needs to be done," said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee that sent the bill to the full House. "For too long, broadcasters have been pushing the envelope."

The FCC has wide latitude to impose fines. It can fine an individual company, groups of stations owned by a company and individual entertainers.

In the case of CBS and last year's Super Bowl halftime show, it imposed a fine of $27,500, then the maximum, against each of 20 stations owned by the network.

All five members of the FCC, three Republicans and two Democrats, say the current fines are far too low and they have encouraged Congress to boost them.

The House bill would let the FCC fine an individual entertainer, such as a disc jockey, without first issuing a warning, which is the case now. The FCC has never issued such a fine.

"There have to be restrictions because there has to be an interest in protecting children," said Lara Mahaney, a vice president with the watchdog group, Parents Television Council.

The Senate bill calls for raising the maximum fine on broadcasters to $325,000, with a cap of $3 million for one day. The House bill does not include a cap.

Tourism becoming a war casualty

By Brad Foss
AP Business Writer

(AP) - Mickey Mouse has a bone to pick with Uncle Sam.

Some U.S. travel executives - including those who run Disneyland and Walt Disney World - think the government needs to do more to improve the country's image with foreign tourists who increasingly are choosing other places for their vacations.

Tourism officials ascribe the decline partly to anti-Americanism that arose after the country launched military action in Afghanistan and Iraq and to the "hassle factor" associated with new visa application and airport security procedures.

Aggressive campaigns by other countries to lure tourists have had an impact, too.

"It's more than just an image decline," said Jay Rasulo, president of Walt Disney Parks & Resorts, a Lake Buena Vista, Fla.-based unit of The Walt Disney Co.

"I think other countries are out there competing for tourists and we have not been."

Rasulo and other travel executives said tourism to the United States, while rising again after several down years, is not as robust as it should be, with an estimated 10 percent fewer international visitors in 2004 than in 2000.

Although the weak dollar has brought more visitors in recent months, the overall trend is still disappointing to the industry.

The stakes involved are huge. Visitors from abroad accounted for about $93.5 billion in spending and economic activity in the United States in 2004, according to Commerce Department estimates.

That's slightly larger than U.S. exports of automobiles, engines and parts.

Homeland Security Department spokesman Dennis Murphy said the new procedures are intended to correct vulnerabilities exploited by the Sept. 11 terrorists, without impeding trade or travel. "We can't allow our system to be abused again," he said.

"Because the system was not enforced rigorously in the past, any change to enforcement postures become significant changes in the minds of people who used it before," he added.

Tourism officials emphasized that they aren't opposed to the Bush administration's homeland security objectives; what concerns them is the manner in which policies are implemented.

"We have developed an image in many countries as fortress America," said Betsy O'Rourke, senior vice president for marketing at the Travel Industry Association of America, a Washington-based trade group.

O'Rourke said tourists should be greeted as "customers," not potential "invaders."

Alan Chick of Brighton, England, has traveled to the United States once a year, on average, for the past 18 years and said that while there is some truth to the perceived hassle factor, the problem has been vastly overblown and shouldn't deter foreign tourists.

"Unfortunately, the Americans don't do very much to dispel these things," said Chick. "They don't really do anything to say 'Hey, it's really not that bad.'"

The commission that investigated the Sept. 11 attacks said the nation's beefed-up border screening system needs to become more efficient and friendly, and it noted that visa applications in 2003 were down 32 percent compared with 2001.

"There is evidence that the present system is disrupting travel to the United States," the commission said.

Meanwhile, a November poll of 8,000 consumers from eight industrialized nations found that 55 percent of respondents had an increasingly negative perception of that United States, according to Seattle-based market research firm GMI Inc.

That rankles some travel officials.

"I refuse to believe that our declining image is a fair portrayal of who we really are," Amtrak vice president Barbara Richardson said last month at an industry luncheon in Washington.

The image problem aside, the U.S. tourism industry is already losing global market share as borders in many parts of the world have become easier and cheaper to cross, and as countries from Spain to Singapore outspend the United States in tourism marketing and advertising.

"I don't know if it's naivete or arrogance that we feel people know the U.S. so well that we don't need to invite them," said Marilyn Carlson Nelson, CEO of Carlson Companies Inc., the Minnetonka, Minn.-based owner of travel agencies, hotels and restaurants.

Either way, Nelson said it is critical for the U.S. government to market its national parks and other attractions more forcefully, lest it concede more tourism business to other countries and allow "the perception that foreigners might not be welcome" to fester.

Thirty-nine state governments spent about $20 million in 2003 on international advertising and other promotions, according to a nationwide survey.

This was down 11 percent from the year before, but still more than twice as much as the federal government has allocated for 2005.

Officials likened the U.S. tourism industry's woes to the recent experience of American universities, which have seen declining applications from foreign graduate students since 2001.

Education officials attribute the dropoff to the same three factors cited by travel executives: tighter U.S. immigration policies, negative attitudes toward the United States and increasing competition from other countries.

INTERNATIONAL

Kyoto proponents focus on drawing United States into process

By Joseph Coleman
Associated Press Writer

KYOTO, Japan (AP) - Amid fanfare marking the enactment of the Kyoto global warming pact, leading proponents laid out their next goals Wednesday: persuading the United States to join the world crackdown on emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases and planning further steps when the current agreement runs out in 2012.

The Kyoto Protocol, adopted in Japan's ancient capital in 1997, imposes legally binding requirements on 35 industrialized states to cut emissions of "greenhouse gases" blamed for rising world temperatures to an average of 5 percent below 1990 levels. The treaty has been ratified by 140 nations.

But the largest emitter of such gases, the United States, has refused to go along with the restrictions, saying they are flawed and could hurt its economy.

Washington's absence loomed large over celebrations Wednesday in Kyoto, where environment ministers from member countries said progress would be limited without American participation.

"Climate change is a global problem and it can only be dealt with with a global approach," said Joke Waller-Hunter, the Dutch chief of the secretariat to the 1992 U.N. climate change treaty, to which the protocol is an adjunct.

The United States signed the protocol in 1997 under President Clinton, but the Senate refused to ratify it.

President Bush renounced the agreement in 2001, and his government has expressed strong doubts about the link between gases believed to trap heat in the Earth's atmosphere and climate change.

No clear strategy has emerged on how to enlist U.S. participation.

Several environmental officials voiced hopes that the increasing profitability of technologies and businesses targeted at reducing gas emissions would demonstrate that battling climate change could lead to new industries and jobs.

Thomas Becker, of Denmark's Environment Ministry, likened Washington's reluctance to join Kyoto to American automakers' failure to produce fuel-efficient cars in the 1970s. But he said the best advertisement for the pact would be its success.

"There is a market for climate-friendly technologies - it's a market rather than a burden," he said.

The United States argued that it was being environmentally responsible despite its opposition to Kyoto, with White House spokesman Scott McClellan saying Tuesday "we are still learning" about the science of climate change.

In the meantime, McClellan said, "We have made an unprecedented commitment to reduce the growth of greenhouse gas emissions in a way that continues to grow our economy."

Supporters of the pact say action is urgent. Average global temperatures rose about 1 degree in the 20th century, and scientists say that has contributed to the thawing of the permafrost, rising ocean levels and extreme weather.

Experts say further increases could seriously disrupt ecosystems, agriculture and human lifestyles.

In London, protesters with foghorns and whistles burst into the International Petroleum Exchange, disrupting oil trading in the world's second-largest energy futures market. Police said they arrested 10 people for public order offenses.

Greenpeace spokesman Ben Stewart said the group was trying to highlight shortcomings of the Kyoto agreement, particularly what he called its "modest targets" for cuts.

"We need huge cuts if we are going to divert dangerous climate change," he said.

Campus News

Fundraiser sets up gorilla with student

By Dan Prokop
Campus Writer

The Sierra Student Coalition, the campus environmental club, sponsored a fundraiser last December to help save the rainforest. Money was raised by raffling off a date with a student dressed up as a gorilla.

The SSC set up the fundraiser to adopt an acre of rainforest on the Isle of Borneo. This particular rainforest interested the club because it is one of the last surviving habitats for orangutans.

During December, members of the club sold raffle tickets to win an organic food basket, or the main prize, a date with the student dressed as a gorilla.

"While I cannot divulge the secret identity of the gorilla, just know that he enjoys eating bananas and long walks on the beach," said SSC president Sandy Edmiston.

The date, won by freshman JJelena Gerga, took place on Feb. 10. The gorilla picked up his date at 5:30 p.m., and the two went to the TUB. Students were in the building eating dinner when the date took place.

"Some people tried to walk by casually, but some were staring," the gorilla said.

The uncomfortable stares would not put a damper on the date, though. After sitting in the TUB to eat a few bananas, the gorilla took Gerga to Mugsies, where he enjoyed a banana-flavored milkshake. All the while, the gorilla was very polite and romantic with his date. He escorted her from place to place and opened doors for her.

The gorilla added that the date "was amazing."

Using this 'date with a gorilla' idea, the SSC succeeded in raising the funds it needed to help preserve the rainforest.

"Through the fundraiser, we raised enough to adopt one acre of rain forest, which we gave as a Christmas gift to the Westminster community," Edmiston said.

Edmiston helped bring the SSC to the campus, along with Colby King and Felicie Reid, in 2004. According to their mission statement, the members are working to "cultivate a positive interaction between the College and the natural world."

SSC's plans for the rest of the semester include the Earth Day 5k and Recycling Week, which will take place the week of Feb. 21.

The SSC will work with the Physical Plant to increase the awareness of recycling on campus by spreading information about the benefits of recycling and by hosting games.

Penny Wars

Kappa Delta to host contest to benefit tsunami relief effort

By Julie Maryan
Campus Writer

During the week of Feb. 21 through 25, volunteers from the campus community will be sitting at a table in the TUB during the hours of 11 a.m. To 1 p.m., and 5 p.m. To 7 p.m. to take donations for tsunami relief.

Sophomore Ashley L. Young, a sister in Kappa Delta, came up with the idea of Penny Wars when she was talking with fellow sister Juliana Thorbecke about how they could help in the relief effort. An idea that they had was to hold a date auction, but Young didn't feel that would represent the whole campus community.

"[The Penny Wars is] not just Kappa Delta; it's not just Greek. I wanted to include the whole campus, all of the students and faculty," she said.

The idea behind Penny Wars is to have a competition between the freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors and faculty/staff. Each day, people from the campus community can contribute to their respective jar, and watch the pennies fill up.

"All of the money that we raise will go to the American Red Cross to aid in the tsunami relief effort," said Young.

At the end of the day, the pennies will be totaled, and counted as positive points toward the respective team. If there are any silver coins or bills, they will be counted negatively toward your team.

As an example, "If the faculty is in the lead, then the classes can put silver coins and bills in the faculty/staff jar so that it will count negatively toward their total score. It's a fun way to help a great cause," she said.

After hearing about Penny Wars, junior Laura Kocher agreed that it's a great idea.

"If each person just gives a little bit, then it'll add up," said Kocher.

Each day, there will be a sign in the TUB, displaying the team who had the most points for the previous day. Another sign will display the total donation amount, as each day's totals are added in.

According to the American Cross website, (redcross.org), every donation helps as, "$2.00 can buy a sleeping mat, $5.00 can buy a mosquito net, $15.00 can buy a kitchen set for a family of five, and $175.00 can buy a waterproof tent for a family of five."

If you are interested in helping with Penny Wars, you may contact Ashley L. Young by e-mailing her at youngal@westminster.edu.

"Resumania" revamps bad resumes

By Tace Zona
Campus Writer

On Tuesday, Feb. 8, the Career Center held "Resumania," a program designed to help students in the creation of a resume, in the Witherspoon Room.

Most students learned about Resumania through their campus-wide email, but a commercial that aired on Titan Radio caught the attention of several students, as well. Career Center staff, Jackie Meade, Katie Edmiston and Janet Waugaman, held Resumania to help students make a professional impression at job interviews, career fairs and networking events. Meade explained that there is absolutely no right or wrong way to format a resume, but there is certain information that must be included for the resume to even be considered by employers.

"You need to be comfortable with the information on your resume when you present it, so it has to fit you," Meade said.

All information on the resume should be presented in a manner that is easy to read. Students should list all pertinent contact information using a large font at the top of the first page of the resume. A student's relevant skills and experiences should be listed next. All previous jobs, even those held during high school, should be included, as well.

"Employers know that even McDonald's is not an easy job," Meade said.

In addition to contact information, skills, and previous employment, a student should always include information concerning his or her place of education, as well as special credentials and awards received. If they have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, it should be clearly noted. If the GPA is not listed, employers will assume that it is lower than 3.0.

For the sake of the employer's time, the information should be as brief as possible—while still remaining concise, well-organized, and thorough. Kim Christofferson, Director of human resources, agreed.

"A good resume is easy to read," said Christofferson. "It contains no typographical or grammatical errors, and includes beginning and ending dates for all former jobs," she added.

To complete the "Resumania" program, Kati Edmiston presented the concept of student business cards. Student business cards create a professional impression and can be used for career events, potential employers, networking events, and even introductions. They should include a student's college information, degree desired, major, minor, home and school addresses, phone numbers, email address, and personal website if pertinent.

Upcoming events at the Career Center include an internship day on Feb. 22, a WestPACS job fair on March 10, and a PERC job fair on March 31.

Auction offers post-Valentine's love

By Chelsey Miller
Campus Writer

Although Valentines Day roses and are now wilting, students were still willing to open their hearts and wallets in order to support Theta Chi's second annual date auction.

On Thursday, February 17, the brothers of Theta Chi fraternity held a date auction in the Club Room in the Campus Center, to raise money for former brother, Ron Bake, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident before Christmas break.

Two representatives from each of the five sororities and fraternities and two independent males and females were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Higher bidders were awarded more than just a date. Individuals that contributed a lot of money received a free meal for his or her self and their date, provided by local restaurants. The event included a Chinese Auction and 50/50 drawing as well.

"I bought my boyfriend, Andy, last year and I had such a blast," "I think that it is just a really nice and easy way to raise money for people that really need it," sophomore, Megan McLaughlin said.

The brothers of Theta Chi publicized the even by hanging up flyers that read, "Help Ron and find a great date too" and sent out emails in order to gain campus wide support. The brothers also sent special emails to the sororities and fraternities to ask for their cooperation in making their auction a success.

John Buco, Theta Chi's Philanthropy Chair asked Greek organizations to, "bring this event up at their weekly meetings" in order to gain volunteers to be auctioned off.

Theta Chi began their annual date auctions last year in order to raise money for library worker, Dwight Copper. The auction raised over a thousand dollars to help Copper pay his medical bills following treatment for cancer. About a thousand dollars were raised last year for Copper.

For more information about the past two auctions or any future ones, students can contact Theta Chi's Philanthropy Chair or any brother of Theta Chi.

Photos by Lindsay Robertson

Performing heroes

Over $100 was collected at the Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn's "Hero Pageant" on Feb. 10. Sophomores Stephon Black, above, and Mick Henninger and seniors Johnny Johnson, below, Christian Davoli and Ben Libert showcased their skills ranging from musical instruments and voice to juggling and monologues. "It was the most successful fundraiser we've ever had," said sophomore Leah Mazzocca, president of CPU. The audience of about 60 people asked questions of the performers after their acts to better pick to whom they were going to direct their monetary vote.

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Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Times of clouds and sun	Increasing cloudiness	Rain and snow	Sun and clouds	A blend of sun and clouds	Clouds and sun with flurries	Partly sunny

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	7:11 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:09 a.m.	6:02 p.m.
Monday	7:08 a.m.	6:03 p.m.
Tuesday	7:06 a.m.	6:04 p.m.
Wednesday	7:05 a.m.	6:05 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Saturday	1:30 p.m.	4:51 a.m.
Sunday	2:28 p.m.	5:36 a.m.
Monday	3:31 p.m.	6:14 a.m.
Tuesday	4:35 p.m.	6:44 a.m.
Wednesday	5:39 p.m.	7:11 a.m.

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Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Feb 23	Mar 3	Mar 10	Mar 17

Weather History

Heavy snow hit the Midwest Feb. 20, 1898. Racine, Wis., received 30 inches of snow. Milwaukee had drifts as high as 15 feet.

Regional Cities

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	30	23	pc	38	35	sn	41	31	sn	40	24	pc	36	22	c
Butler, PA	31	20	sf	37	30	pc	45	34	r	43	24	pc	40	22	c
Cambridge, OH	34	24	pc	40	35	sn	41	35	r	43	26	pc	39	24	c
Canton, OH	32	23	pc	40	35	pc	41	31	sn	41	24	pc	37	23	c
Cincinnati, OH	39	31	pc	45	39	r	48	34	r	43	28	pc	41	26	pc
Clarion, PA	28	20	sf	37	31	pc	44	30	r	39	23	pc	34	20	c
Clarksburg, WV	35	25	pc	49	39	pc	52	36	r	46	27	pc	44	23	c
Cleveland, OH	30	24	pc	38	35	sn	39	31	sn	40	24	pc	37	22	c
Columbus, OH	34	28	pc	42	36	sn	42	34	c	45	28	pc	41	25	pc
Cumberland, MD	33	23	sf	39	31	pc	51	37	r	48	29	pc	41	26	c
Erie, PA	28	22	sf	34	30	pc	40	30	sn	38	24	c	32	20	pc
Franklin, PA	28	21	sf	34	28	pc	40	30	sn	40	24	pc	35	20	c
Greensburg, PA	32	24	pc	40	36	pc	49	36	r	45	28	pc	41	24	c

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Greenville, PA	28	23	sf	38	33	pc	45	30	r	37	23	pc	36	20	pc
Grove City, PA	30	21	sf	38	32	pc	45	32	r	41	23	pc	37	20	pc
Hagerstown, MD	36	22	pc	40	30	s	46	30	r	48	30	pc	43	26	c
Indiana, PA	34	25	sf	39	35	pc	44	37	r	46	30	pc	41	25	c
Jamestown, NY	22	20	sf	35	28	pc	42	27	sn	34	22	c	31	17	c
Kittanning, PA	33	23	sf	39	34	pc	46	36	r	45	27	pc	41	24	c
Lisbon, OH	31	24	pc	38	34	pc	48	31	r	39	24	pc	37	21	c
Mansfield, OH	30	23	pc	38	35	sn	38	30	c	39	22	pc	35	21	c
Marietta, OH	39	27	pc	46	41	r	45	37	r	48	28	pc	43	25	pc
McKeesport, PA	32	24	pc	40	34	pc	44	35	r	42	26	pc	39	24	c
Meadville, PA	26	22	sf	38	32	pc	45	30	r	37	23	pc	36	20	c
Morgantown, WV	36	26	pc	43	37	pc	50	39	r	49	30	pc	42	27	c
New Castle, PA	31	23	sf	39	34	pc	46	32	r	40	24	pc	38	20	pc

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Pittsburgh, PA	31	21	pc	39	35	sn	45	34	r	42	25	pc	40	23	c
Sharon, PA	30	23	sf	39	33	pc	44	30	r	37	23	pc	36	20	pc
Somerset, PA	23	20	sf	34	30	pc	45	34	r	41	25	pc	34	21	c
Steubenville, OH	32	24	pc	42	37	pc	42	34	r	44	25	pc	39	22	c
Uniontown, PA	36	24	pc	41	38	pc	50	36	r	47	29	pc	41	25	c
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Waynesburg, PA	33	23	pc	42	37	pc	50	35	r	46	28	pc	40	25	c
Wheeling, WV	33	24	pc	43	37	pc	43	34	r	44	25	pc	38	23	c
Youngstown, OH	31	23	sf	39	33	pc	45	30	r	37	23	pc	35	20	c
Wooster, OH	29	20	pc	38	31	sn	38	31	sn	41	23	pc	34	20	c
Zanesville, OH	35	25	pc	40	36	sn	43	36	r	44	27	pc	41	24	c

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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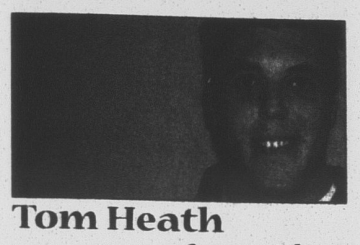
Titans make PAC splash

Men reign PAC champions, women place second at Grove City Invitational



Tom Heath
Sports Editor

I had an opportunity last Friday and Saturday to catch the Men's' and Women's' Titan Swim teams at the Grove City Invitational/ PAC Meet. One word comes to mind: Impressed.

I've been to many swim meets. Believe it or not, I used to swim, but that's a whole other story. Anyways, this event to say the least was intense. I've never seen anything like it. Best of all, both teams took the pressure and intensity with great stride and pretty much swam right out of their suits.

The first thing I noticed at the meet was the stands. The entire upper level was full of Westminster parents. Talk about a dedicated group of people. I know that most parents go to everything for their children. These folks were sitting in at least a 90 degree humid pool for hours on end for 3 straight days. On father even went as far as dressing up like a Titan.

I had an opportunity to sit down and chat with Coach Klamut the other day. I learned a few things about the team that others may not know.

"This season was extraordinary and so many things happened. To end on a positive note like this is incredible." Kalmut said. "We began the season September 20 with 37 total swimmers and this weekend at PAC's we had 37 total swimmers."

This is an unreal fact. I've never heard of any team on this campus or really anywhere for that matter, where someone hasn't been lost to injury or some other aspect with may cause someone to not be a member of the team.

Coach Klamut is very proud of his teams. The guy's team only had 12 members present at the meet last year, or "The Dirty Dozen" as they affectionately referred to themselves. There was defiantly a bitter taste in their mouths after last years' loss to Grove City at their home pool. This was not the case this year. They worked as hard as ever to change the outcome but never forgot about the outcome.

"We train the way that we compete,"Klamut said.

These guys never took an easy way out and it defiantly paid off. The guys may have won, but the girls should be just as proud of themselves.

"These girls battled all season long. They never ever once gave up, even though the odds were against them," Coach K said.

Both teams have extreme talent and ability, which they exhibited with exceptional confidence and class.

The season however is not over. There are several members of both teams that will compete this weekend after making the NCAA "B" cuts at this past meet.

And for the first time in NCAA Division 3 competition, a Titan swimmer made an NCAA "A" cut, automatically advancing to the NCAA championships. Ryan "Boston" Trunk will represent our school and the PAC at Hope College March 16, 17, and 18.

Congratulations to both teams, Coach Klamut and his staff for a remarkable season. You have made all of us proud. Also, best of luck to all the swimmers this weekend as they seek NCAA births.

Photo by Willis Bretz

At the 2005 PAC Swimming Championship, nine Titan swimmers recieved gold medals. Left to right: Ian Yarger, Pat Smith, Nate Horrell, Shaun McNamara, Ryan Trunk, Kevin Gescasion, Tom Benoit, Seth Senior, Adam Rady

Steroids in baseball: Canseco breaks the guy code

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

On Monday, February 14th, while lovers celebrated Valentine's Day, Jose Canseco's tell-all memoir hit book stores.

I can barely imagine Canseco's narrative expertise. His book's title alone conjures memories of Hemingway and Fitzgerald. The book is titled, "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big."

It's no doubt that Canseco's book is seething with suspense. It's just I question his credibility when he is essentially telling us what we already know.

And for what it's worth, things that most baseball fans seemingly don't care about.

Canseco's book emerges from baseball's era of excess.

It's as if after his morning power cleans and before his mid-morning cable flys, Canseco found the time to share his story with the world.

Ironically enough, we don't need Canseco to tell us these things. It's locker room etiquette, really, that he's jeopardizing.

It's one thing to hear the truth about Steroids from Victor Conte, the former rock guitarist so invariably linked to Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi, and Gary Sheffield.

It's another when a formerly beloved American athlete plays the narc, for no other reason other than selling books.

What's important about Canseco's book is not its content.

I hope that all American sports fans lack the naivety required to believe that Barry Bonds went from a sleek and nimble 23-year old to a Herculean statue at 40.

When Bonds entered the league with the Pittsburgh Pirates, he swatted balls into the gaps and hustled his way to doubles and triples.

After "putting in his time in the weight room," Bonds now hits baseballs about as far as Napolean Dynamite's Uncle Rico throws footballs - over mountains.

Ultimately, the problem with Canseco's book is not that he accuses 80 percent of baseball players with steroid abuse.

The problem is Canseco breaks the "guy code."

As Craig Kilborn's character remarks to Mitch in Old School after Mitch catches him canoodling a cocktail waitress, "What are you gonna do? Tell on me? You know you can't buddy. It's guy code. That's something chicks do. You're not a chick are you? Ok. Good talk. I'll see you out there."

Essentially, by disclosing the private life of athlete's in the locker room, Canseco jeopardizes not only his credibility, but also his role as American athlete.

Canseco's biggest problem is that he's playing the part of John Madden; he's playing the part of Captain Obvious.

Any mature, thinking American knows that baseball is juiced and doesn't really care because as the Nike ad campaign so eloquently states, "Chicks dig the long ball."

Sadly, Canseco's misguided marketing ploy reveals that one part of his body didn't swell when he took steroids: his brain.

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Photo by Willis Bretz

Six Lady Titans were gold medalists at the 2005 PAC Swimming Championship on February 12. Left from right: Sara Bonchosky, Megan McLaughlin, Megan Swelhelm, Amy Wirtz, Becky Giles, Steph Peters

By the numbers: 2005 PAC swimming championships

By Frederick Gadawski
Sports Writer

The Titan swimmers were back in action as they faced stiff competition in the PAC championships. And what a splash they made as the men came away the victors and with the title of "champions" while the women placed second.

The men captured their second PAC title in three years with a final score of 967 points. Grove City placed in second with a score of 817. Head coach Rob Klamut was chosen as the PAC Men's coach of the year while junior Josh Hensler was given the high point earner of the invitational.

The women on the other hand were dethroned and unable to go for a three- peat, as W&J took home first with a score of 846, while the ladies finished with 776.

Leading the way for the men was Hensler, who took first in the 200-meter breastroke. sophomore Pat Smith touched first in the 200-meter backstorke. Freshman Seth Senior placed first in the 1650-meter freestyle while classmate Ian Yarger won first in the 200-meter butterfly.

Along with these winners, the Titan 400-meter freestyle team dominated their competition finishing first as well.

For the women it was sophomore Megan McLaughlin who captured first in the 200-meter backstroke, while fellow Sophomore Amy Wirtz had the best time in the 200-meter butterfly. Joining these two ladies was freshman Steph Peters who took fist in the 100-meter freestyle.

The Titans end their regular season at Case Western Reserve University Veale Classic.

Lady Titans in three-way tie for first place in PACs after 54-48 win over Bethany

By Frederick Gadawski
Sports Writer

The lady Titans were able to add another win to their resume as they defeated Bethany 54-48. This win improves their record to 15-6 overall and 6-2 in PAC play. This win was a very important one as well, because with the win the Titans climbed into a three-way tie for first in the PAC's. If the ladies are victories in their next two PAC match ups they will have top seed in the PAC tournament as well as home court advantage.

The Titans did not fair too well in the begging minutes of the game as they trailed early. However they regained their composure and climbed back and gained a halftime lead (28-19). The game was tight down the stretch, but key shots were able to fall for the Titans as they lead for the last minutes of the game, preserving the win. The top Titan of the game was Senior Erica Tallo, who aided the team with highs in points (14) and rebounds (9). Other key players for the ladies included Sophomore Desiree Sterling, who had thirteen points. Senior Mary Jane Eaton chipped in with eleven points and three assists.

The Titans were once again plagued by poor shooting but were able to overcome their 31% shooting from the field with good defense and rebounding. The Titans have now out rebounded their opponents in nine straight games and were able to force nineteen turnovers in the game as well. The ladies will be back in action as they face Penn State- Altoona.

Men drop third straight in PACs with 94-79 loss

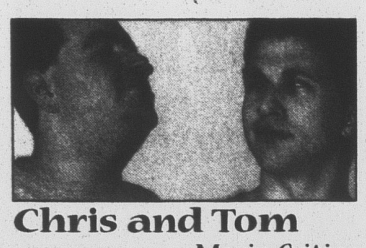
The men's basketball team suffered its third consecutive PAC setback Wednesday as the Titans dropped a 94-79 decision at Washington & Jefferson College. The Presidents improved to 7-17 overall and 4-5 in the PAC as they moved into a third-place tie with the Titans, who dropped to 14-10, 4-5 in league play.

The two teams battled through five lead changes and a pair of ties in the game's first 15 minutes, leaving Westminster ahead by [illegible] points with 3:26 to play in the opening half. From there, W&J took control with a 10-0 run to build an eight-point advantage and went into halftime ahead 45-37. The Titans opened the second half with a 12-2 run of their own to re-take the lead at 49-47 with 15:18 to play. The Presidents reclaimed the lead for good at 56-55 with 11:10 left and maintained a single-digit lead until the closing minutes. W&J made 9-of-10 free throws down the stretch to build the final margin of victory.

The team finishes regular season at home this Saturday, against Waynesburg College.

Arts & Entertainment

Million Dollar Baby: Destined for Oscar



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

Except for last year, there is always a backlash to the film that is destined to win Best Picture. The subject matter in American Beauty was put into question. A Beautiful Mind was trashed for being dishonest. Million Dollar Baby has a "political twist".

First things first: there is no "twist" in this film. Clint does not see dead people or anything like that. The hype over this moment in the film is because of the resulting third act, which is merely the continuation of the story.

This moment is a turning point and possibly one of the most memorable in film history.

When a young poor woman named Maggie Fitzgerald (Hilary Swank) moves to LA to become a boxer her only hope is to be trained by a professional. She finds the all-male gym of Frankie Dunn (Clint Eastwood).

Despite her persistence to be trained by Frankie, he will not let in to her plea. That is until Frankie's assistant Eddie Dupris (Morgan Freeman) begins to train her behind Dunn's back.

As Maggie improves Frankie takes over and they begin the long one-round road to championship.

Like the best sports movies, Million Dollar Baby is really not about boxing. Like Raging Bull, the focus is more on the characters involved in that life-style and how the sport interactions with their mentality.

The film develops each of the three main characters so well that it seems as if they are people that actually exist. Their heartbreaks and emotional highs pour off the screen and into your soul in every scene.

What this makes is a story so emotionally powerful that there is really no recover after the film is over.

Much has gone into the ending of this film. Million Dollar Baby was rushed into theaters for Oscar season because of the ending.

It was destined for Oscar gold. Rush Limbaugh has "accidentally" spilled the ending of the film on his radio program. Roger Ebert rushed to support the film and lambasted Rush for attempting to ruin a film for a political agenda.

So the question remains, does this film really have a political message to it?

Certainly it is a part of the film. Eastwood has denied any concern with the politics of the film. It is possible that the screenwriter did have some message he wanted to send.

However, it must be remembered that the actions in the film are those of the characters and not a commandment to those in the audience.

The ending of this film is just one part of a bigger film that is really concerned about family and how human beings deal with our most sacred institution.

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Technically, this film is a beautiful combination of a realistic story told in the formalist tradition.

Because of missed deadlines, the beautiful score was not nominated for an Oscar. Had it been, Clint may have walked away next week with four new golden boys. The cinematography is also a huge loss in the Oscar race.

Somehow not nominated, the beauty of the camera flows with the emotions of the characters as well as their actions.

The editing links each scene and character to one another with an unobtrusive hand. However, the message is delivered each time.

Nominated for seven Academy Awards, Million Dollar Baby has a shot to sweep it all. Freeman and Swank are shoo-ins for Oscars and Jamie Foxx's only competition is Clint Eastwood.

Will the Academy reward a brilliant reproduction of Ray Charles life? Or will they give the prize to one of the best characterizations in years? More importantly, do you feel their decision is right?

Go and find out for yourselves.

Whatever you do, if you love movies do not miss the A+ Million Dollar Baby in the only way it should be seen: on the big screen.

Chris Medjesky is a fifth-year physics major, who stuck around for an extra year just for the film studies minor. Tom Oyer is a senior sociology major and a film studies minor.

Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

This is a tribute...

Don't get me wrong, I'm all for giving great artists their due honor. That's the great thing about the Grammys.

But this year, I think someone got a little slap-happy with the tributes.

It's not that I dislike any of the music of artists that have been featured. I'm a huge fan of cover songs and the like. One of my favorite songs is a Howie Day cover of the Toto song "Africa."

However, a line needs to be drawn somewhere, and I'm the whiner to do it.

First and foremost, Ray Charles. Yes, I know the man is a genius and a great inspiration to a lot of people in and outside of the music industry.

But between Alicia Keys doing the "duet" during the Super Bowl and inundation that goes along with movie, I'm a little Ray'd out. There is too much of a good thing. Please, let's remember that.

Then there was the grand tribute to the good ole' boys of southern rock.

While I'm not a huge fan of country, there's something about the slight variance in southern rock that I really do enjoy. Southern anthem "Sweet Home Alabama" can't be beaten with a stick.

This was an interesting blend of legends and newcomers, with contemporary country singers like Tim McGraw, Keith Urban and Gretchen Wilson teaming up with Lynyrd Skynyrd, former Allman Brothers guitarist Dickey Betts and bluesman Elvin Bishop. But again, too much of a good thing.

The only tribute performance of the night I can forgive was done by Melissa Etheridge and Joss Stone in honor of Lifetime Achievement winner, the late, great Janis Joplin.

I really can't think of two better choices to have done this. And because Janis was being otherwise honored, I can let this slide.

I don't want to knock these legends, but to me the Grammys should be more about the musicians who are nominated.

If we're going to this tribute nonsense, let's go nuts with it. Maybe boy bands of the '90s or Sid Vicious night.

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Carnegie Mellon program producing video game designers

By Mike Crissey
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) - It has turned out students who have landed internships and jobs with the companies behind games like "MechAssault," "The Sims," all of the "Madden" football games and the "Grand Theft Auto" series.

But don't call Entertainment Technology Center at Carnegie Mellon University a video game school.

It's not that Carnegie Mellon would be alone.

There are at least four dozen schools nationwide, including Caltech, MIT, Michigan State, the University of Texas and Virginia Commonwealth University, that have courses in game design or development, according to an informal list compiled by the Entertainment Software Association, an industry group.

And it's not that the university is afraid of the competition. Other schools with master's-level programs and courses include the Georgia Institute of Technology, the Rochester Institute of Technology and the University of Southern California.

But co-director Randy Pausch and others maintain that the center, which costs $28,400 for two years, isn't like the others because it's not too techy and not too artsy.

Pausch shares an office with his co-director Don Marinelli, a professor of drama and arts management.

"He's the right brain and I'm the left brain. I am free to be the nerd and he is free to be the artist, so we always have ourselves covered," Pausch said.

While there have been quite a few students who were hardcore programmers, drama students, artists, musicians and even one former newspaper graphic artist have studied at the center.

Instructors also run the gamut from computer scientists and game programmers to an attorney, a performance artist, a director, a marketing executive and the director of a theater in a natural history museum.

"We train the best people for the video game industry by not training them for the video game industry," Pausch said.

"We work with people to work together on a broader set of challenges than just make a video game to prepare them."

It's apparently the right approach for the rapidly maturing video game industry.

"I think there is a tremendous thirst for a steady pool of talent that runs across a whole variety of disciplines from animation to software engineering to production to story-writing to sound engineering. This is an industry that is driven by talent and we are competing with Hollywood," Entertainment Software Association president Doug Lowenstein said.

The center and the university's master's program in entertainment technology have grown from eight students in 1999 to 85 master's students this year.

Ten students a year get summer internships with Electronic Arts, the world's largest video game publisher.

About half of the center's graduates got jobs in the video game industry with companies such as Day 1 Studios, Electronic Arts and Rockstar Studios. Other have moved onto Disney Resorts, Industrial Light & Magic, Microsoft and Pixar.

Students can take courses in game design, which ranges from card to computer games, and computer programming, but they're not required. Artists don't have to become programmers and visa versa.

One course that is required is an "introduction" to entertainment technology, which includes everything from painting to sculpture to the Internet, film-making and directing and even improvisational acting.

Students spend most of their time working in teams of as many as a dozen people, tackling projects much as they would in the industry.

Most students spend 60 to 70 hours a week working on the projects, some which have to be finished in as little as two weeks.

The projects have included digital versions of puppets, a Napster- or iTunes-like service for classic video games, a virtual version of Benjamin Franklin and a program akin to a multiplayer first-person shooter to train firefighters how to handle hazardous materials.

"They don't teach you anything specific; most people come in with the skills they already have. It doesn't teach you art or programming but the intangible skills you learn after three years of being in the business," said Jon-Paul Dumont, 27, who graduated in May and is now working on the next version of a James Bond game for Electronic Arts.

Music Review

There is a reason some laws remain unwritten

By Ashley Williams
Pitt News

Hello? Lost and found? I'd like to report that Unwritten Law has lost the punk part of its pop-punk label. Please return it as soon as it's found.

With the band's sixth album, Here's to the Mourning, Unwritten Law has made the classic mistake of most punk bands. Rather than sticking to its roots, the group has decided to go mainstream, dulling down its sound in hopes of winning some radio airplay. The result is humdrum and below mediocre.

Fans of Unwritten Law's older albums – including its most recent studio album, 2002's Elva – will be disappointed with the new direction the band has taken. While Elva was no more than a mediocre record, it did feature the heavy bass riffs and percussion that fans of the older material enjoy. Here's to the Mourning sacrifices what works in favor of what doesn't.

With this album, the band aims to be too radio-friendly. The first single, "Save Me," is a standard punk-rock "I'm a loser" anthem.

Vocalist Scott Russo wails, "And I'm sick of my sickness/Don't touch me, you'll get this/I'm useless, lazy, perverted, and/You hate me." The loser anthem is becoming entirely too common on mainstream radio, and, in all honesty, most bands do it better.

Musically, this album offers nothing new. The band has gotten rid of its heavy bass lines. The loud, fast, fun sound of the past has been replaced by a new one that lacks edge.

The percussion has been dulled down as well, which is a shame when you consider what drummer Wade Youman has brought to the table in the past. He's capable of delivering tight, fast and complex rhythms; this album sees him contributing to the mediocrity.

Bad backing may have been forgivable if this album offered something new lyrically. Sadly, it doesn't.

The band relies on repetition and chanting to keep the songs from falling apart: The song "F.I.G.H.T." features children spelling and chanting the word "fight" repeatedly.

Where there is no chanting, there are merely boring and uninsightful lyrics: "Hide Away" features the standard frat boy's plea, "Dance with me/Take a chance with me/Take off your pants with me."

With lyrics this juvenile, there's not much hope for the album.

Best-picture race lands outside the mainstream at Academy Awards

By David Germain
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - By the numbers, the Academy Awards are roughly 50 percent less relevant than they have been the last five years.

While all five candidates for the top Oscar have managed respectable ticket sales, they collectively have been seen by fewer moviegoers than any batch of best-picture nominees in 20 years.

For the first time since the 1997 "Titanic" juggernaut, no blockbuster is in the mix, and it 's the first time in 15 years without at least one $100 million hit among the best-picture contenders going into the Oscars.

By Sunday, a week before the Oscars, the domestic gross should total about $315 million for "The Aviator," "Million Dollar Baby," "Ray," "Sideways" and "Finding Neverland."

A year ago, best-picture candidates had grossed $696 million a week before the Oscars.

This year 's five nominees have sold about 51 million tickets, down 50 percent or more from each of the previous five years, when admissions for the best-picture field ranged from 100 million to 118 million.

Audiences for the five top Oscar picks have not been this small since the 1984 awards, when "Amadeus" won best picture. "Amadeus" and its rivals, "Places in the Heart," "The Killing Fields," "A Passage to India" and "A Soldier 's Story," had been seen by about 41 million people.

This is not just an exercise in pointless arithmetic. Executives at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences know from experience that a hugely popular film leading the best-picture race helps attract viewers for the Oscar telecast, whose ratings have been in a funk over the last five years.

"We don 't have a 'Titanic' or a 'Lord of the Rings' out there. I think it's fair to say it does concern us a bit," said Bruce Davis, the academy 's executive director.

The Oscars drew their biggest audience ever when "Titanic" won the 1997 best-picture prize. Going into Oscar night, "Titanic" had grossed nearly a half-billion dollars on its way to a $600 million domestic haul and $1.8 billion worldwide payday.

A year ago, the largest audience in four years tuned in to see the academy crown $377 million sensation "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" as best picture.

"Eyeballs staring at the movie screen translates to eyeballs staring at the TV screen," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "People like to have a vested interest in what they 're watching. When Titanic ' does $1.8 billion in worldwide box office, you 've got a lot of people out there with a vested interest."

Edging toward $90 million, "The Aviator" leads this year 's roster, followed by "Ray," which topped out at about $75 million and is now on home video. "Million Dollar Baby," "Sideways" and "Finding Neverland" are in the $45 million to $55 million range.

The last three years, there has been a "Lord of the Rings" megahit competing. Other past blockbuster contenders included "Gladiator," "The Sixth Sense," "Saving Private Ryan," "Forrest Gump" and "Ghost."

"This is an unusual year in that there 's not a blockbuster in the mix," said Steve Gilula, head of distribution for Fox Searchlight, which released "Sideways."

The big hits of 2004 included "Shrek 2," "Spider-Man 2" and "The Incredibles," but they were lighter flicks that never drew much best-picture buzz.

And liberal-minded Hollywood did not give serious best-picture consideration to the religious blockbuster "The Passion of the Christ."

The feature-animation competition arguably could be called the real best-picture competition for mainstream movie fans.

At $436 million, "Shrek 2" far out-grossed the entire best-picture lineup combined. Add in "The Incredibles" ($259 million) and "Shark Tale" ($160 million), and the three animated nominees did more than 2 1/2 times the business of the five best-picture contestants.

The Oscars, though, are not necessarily a place for popular sentiment, often singling out small films such as this year 's "Vera Drake" or "Being Julia" for key nominations.

"I have never equated the Academy Awards with how much money a movie takes in," said Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal, which released "Ray." "That 's the People 's Choice Awards. This is not about the public. This is about the industry bestowing its awards on what they think are the best films of the year."

When a major commercial hit such as "Titanic" or "Return of the King" does triumph, it 's because critical and popular appeal happen to coalesce.

"If you look at the movies this time, they 're not the big special-effects type of movies that usually gross those type of numbers," said Mike Rudnitsky, head of distribution for Miramax, which released "The Aviator" and "Finding Neverland."

"They 're intelligent scripts with tremendous performances. No matter what the box office, it 's the quality of the films when it comes to the Oscars."

Critics take potshots at the Oscars regardless of how the nominations pan out, academy director Davis said.

In years when commercial hits dominate, Oscar voters are accused of pandering to popular taste, Davis said.

When smaller films prevail, the academy is criticized for being out of step with the mainstream, he said.

The studios behind the top nominees this time say the lineup is a victory for artistic merit.

"I think it's a tribute to members of the academy," said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros., which released "Million Dollar Baby." "They vote with their hearts, not looking at the box office."

Political Pong

Why we can't marry outside the party

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Even though Valentine's Day was last week, it's still the season of love and I'm still feeling nauseous.

Being single during Valentine's Day can be quite depressing for the single folk. Whether you want to admit it or not, you begin looking around desperately for prospective dating (and eventually marriage) partners.

Even political science losers like myself hope one day to find our perfect matches and join in the bliss of matrimony. However, I have an extra requirement of my husband-to-be: he's gotta be a conservative.

You may be thinking this is very-close minded, but hear me out. I've thought long and hard about the pros and cons of dating both sides of the political spectrum, and the Republicans just put together a better package.

But to better explain my point of view, let me give you my top five reasons why marrying a Democrat would probably kill me inside.

1.) Fox News Channel wouldn't be allowed in our cable package. If my husband, like any typical man, controlled the television, Fox News Channel would be considered equivalent to the Lifetime Channel: forbidden.

Instead I would be subjected to the horrors of Judy Woodruff and Al Franken, while my husband giggled like a third grade school girl.

2.) We'd be poor. Now I'm not saying this because only Republicans can become wealthy, because we've seen our share of well-to-do Democrats (Teresa Heinz, Michael Moore, the Clinton regime, I could go on).

I'm saying we'd be poor because he would want to give all our hard earned money away to the druggie down the street who promises to pay us back when he gets a job, which by the way would be only after we stop giving him money.

3.) Bill Clinton, Bill Clinton, Bill Clinton. Like any typical Democrat, I'm sure he'd worship the ground that slick Willy committed adultery on.

I can just picture it: a portrait of Bill hanging in the bedroom, memorable quotes plastered all over our refrigerator door, and a life size cut out, complete with cigar, in the foyer for all to see.

The very thought makes me violently ill.

4.) I would have to cook.

Not because I'd be a homemaker, mind you, but because evil corporations like McDonald's, Wendy's, and Burger King, according to my Democrat husband, exploit the working man. Therefore, we could only eat tofu and organic foods while practicing our yoga.

I can just taste the astroturf.

5.) We would live in Vermont (this one's for you, Russ). Yes Vermont, where socialism rules all 20 miles of this glorious state. Any Democrat would insist paying homage to Howard Dean by actually living with him.

We'd probably sleep in tents to be one with nature and spend the days chaining ourselves to trees to save forests from those mean old lumberjacks who want to strengthen the economy by creating jobs.

The only job I want in Vermont is as a taste-tester at Ben and Jerry's.

So there you have it, I simply can't marry a Democrat, it's almost impossible. Having a best friend of the liberal persuasion is fine and dandy, but marrying one would be hell.

Mary Matalin, you have nerves of steel, sister.

Jessica Rummel (aka right-wing nutjob) is a senior political science major. She is President of SGA, College Republicans, and is probably going straight to hell.

Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

The number one reason why I couldn't fall in love with someone from the other party is because there simply are not as many attractive Republicans as there are Democrats in politics.

Now I know you Republicans are saying, "What about Ann Coulter?" I will admit, she is sort of good looking, but as soon as her mouth opens her stock drops quickly on the love market.

I mean last week even my Republican friends were saying that Melissa Hart (who stopped by for a little lying session last week) resembles Mr. Ed with a sex change.

I must admit however, that in this year's Presidential battle, the Republicans with Laura Bush won the looks battle over the Democrats and Teresa Heinz Kerry.

Now, love is not all about looks, in fact, looks are unimportant when compared with personality, and that is where Teresa wins the battle. Laura Bush has as much emotion as a porcelain doll.

Even if you didn't agree with Teresa, you knew where she stood. The only issue position Laura has ever taken is to put her daughters in alcoholics anonymous.

It has been my experience (and remember I used to be a Republican before coming to my senses) that Democratic women are much more willing to listen to both sides of an argument than Republican women.

Democratic women are also much more willing to express their views politically than Republican women, even to a fault (reference Teresa Heinz Kerry).

James Carville, the famous Democratic political strategist, said in Men's Journal that the key to surviving his relationship with Republican political consultant Mary Matalin was "good make-up sex." I will let all of you decide if that is indeed the case.

Another reason that I could never marry a Republican is that they are just too cheap.

My Republican friends that are female would do anything to stretch a penny. I am a Democrat who spends beyond his means (I know this is a shock).

I like to live for today, not for when I am 88 and in a wheelchair. To all you Republican females who believe going to Aldi's over Giant Eagle for groceries will get you that Kate Spade bag, here is my advice, live a little, it doesn't hurt.

Additionally, I feel that Republican women need to shed their schoolteacher clothing for some more "modern" clothing. Now my modern I don't mean slutty, but some Republican women dress like they are applying for citizenship in the Amish society.

Instead of making some blank complaints, I am here to offer suggestions. Places like Urban Outfitters, H&M, and Anthropologie offer clothing for women that are modern and very cool looking.

To conclude, marrying a Republican (even though my girlfriend of 5 years is Republican) seems like it would be a challenge.

I think that for all the flaws of Republican women, it would keep things interesting to marry one.

Always agreeing with people is boring and takes away a dimension of a relationship that is vital.

I have been in a relationship for 5 years and arguing has proven to be a cornerstone of my relationship, and I wouldn't have it any other way because it keeps things interesting.

Just remember, opposites attract.

Russ Mills is a senior political science major and is Vice President of SGA. He enjoys watching the Woodstock movie, while wearing his Birkenstocks, playing on his Apple computer and drinking Starbucks coffee.

Calendar

February 18, 2005
Circle K Basketball Raffle — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
Black History Celebration — Orr Auditorium
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Save the TUB Campaign — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Registration for Aerobic Classes (2/21 through 3/17 on M, W, R in Old 77, 5-6 p.m.) — Old 77
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Save the TUB Campaign — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
7:30 PM Jazz Ensemble Mid-Winter Concert — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

February 19, 2005
10:00 AM Men's and Women's Swimming at Case Western Reserve Veale Classic
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Registration for Aerobic Classes (2/21 through 3/17 on M, W, R in Old 77, 5-6 p.m.) — Old 77
2:00 PM Women's Basketball vs. Waynesburg (H) — Memorial Field House
4:00 PM Men's Basketball vs. Waynesburg (H) — Memorial Field House
7:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:30 PM PCMEA Variety Show — Orr Auditorium
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

February 20, 2005
3:00 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater
6:15 PM IFC Meeting — MCC 255
7:00 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

February 21, 2005
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Kappa Delta Tsunami Penny War Relief Effort — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kappa Delta Tsunami Penny War Relief Effort — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Initiation — Wallace Memorial Chapel
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

February 22, 2005
Men's Basketball PAC Tournament
Women's Basketball PAC Tournament
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Kappa Delta Tsunami Penny War Relief Effort — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
11:30 AM - 3:00 PM Career Center Internship Day — MCC Witherspoon
4:30 PM Psychology Colloquium: Rolf Loeber, "New Findings on the Causes of Violence and Homicide" — Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kappa Delta Tsunami Penny War Relief Effort — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
5:15 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314
9:00 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255
9:00 PM Newman Club — MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

February 23, 2005
Fresh Start Interviews — MCC 352
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Kappa Delta Tsunami Penny War Relief Effort — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: John Bonomo and Carolyn Cuff, "Mathematics and Toys" — MCC Mueller Theater
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kappa Delta Tsunami Penny War Relief Effort — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater
8:00 PM Circle K Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall
8:30 PM Seekers College Fellowship — MCC Club/Lounge

February 24, 2005
Men's Basketball PAC Tournament
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Scrawl Art Show — MCC Second and Third Floors
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Kappa Delta Tsunami Penny War Relief Effort — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM American Red Cross Blood Drive — MCC Club/Lounge
4:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting — Patterson 113
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kappa Delta Tsunami Penny War Relief Effort — MCC Orchard Street Cafe
5:30 PM Alumni Office Senior Event — MCC Witherspoon Rooms
6:30 PM Heinz Lecture Series: Maureen Korp, "The Soul's Journey: Constantin Brancusi's Great Vision" — MCC Mueller Theater
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

Last weeks's answers

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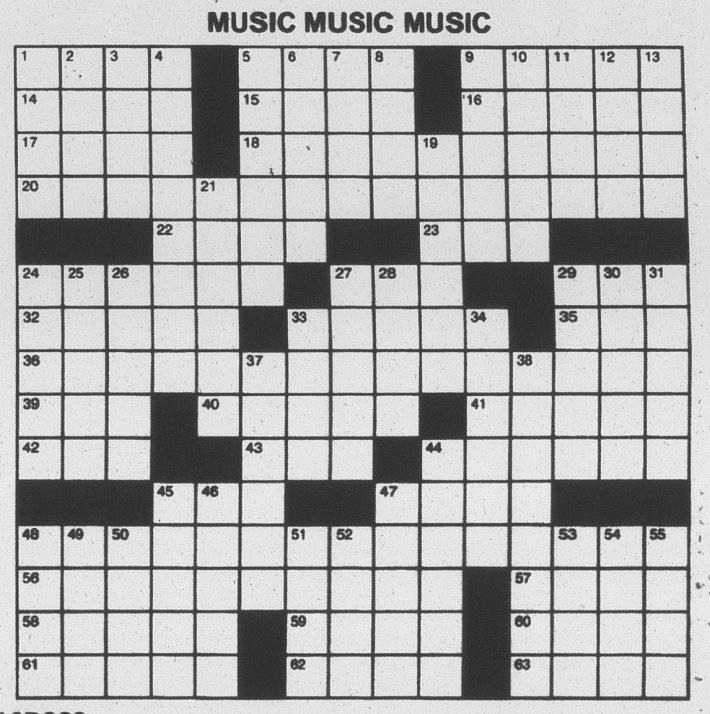

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9 "It Happened One Night" director
14 Garden State city
15 Biblical victim
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18 Kegler's spare count
20 Shipping geese to Brazil?
22 White elephant, e.g.
23 Beetle
24 Step for Tiny Tim?
27 Anther visitor
29 Woeful sound
32 Where the girls are
33 Forum garb
35 ___ rule: usually
36 Yank on tour?, with An
39 Fed. office of measures, formerly
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41 First name in cosmetics
42 Long and winding road
43 Old ___: Satan
44 Boards walkers
45 Kyoto cummerbund
47 It's ___: overtime cause
48 Umbrella seller's song?
56 Corrupt
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59 Author Hunter
60 Weather condition, with cold
61 Sarah Vaughan nickname
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2 Snare beat
3 "___ at the Races"
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6 "___ with me ..."
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30 Willow
31 Support units
33 "Little Man ___"
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37 Vampire's favorite tooth
38 Footnote alert
44 Minerva's counterpart
45 Gloms
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49 Inventor's forte
50 Wimpled women
51 Riles
52 Church section
53 Sigmund's daughter
54 Editor's choice: abbr.
55 Fat chance!

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Loved ones will see you as a nurturing, self-sacrificing and caring person. Do not hesitate to reach out and help those who are close to you.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): This is a great time to step out on the social scene with friends or associates. Adorn yourself with your most attractive outfits and have fun.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Be prepared to work very hard in order to earn compliments or recognition from a boss or superior. Put your nose to the grindstone.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Do not venture too far off the proven track in search of solutions, new knowledge or motivation. Follow up and use the information at your disposal.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Uncover some exciting ways to put your money to work for you. Research a variety of leads or tips provided by a financial counselor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Plan to spend quality time with a partner or mate this week. Keep in mind, important decisions that will impact your relationship should be made together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): A new and unusual form of exercise is quite challenging, yet stimulating. Stick with it and you will soon attain the desired physical results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): A social or romantic involvement is likely to exceed your expectations. Relax, smile and enjoy the popularity or attention of the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): It might be time to let go of a relationship or situation that has run its course. Prepare yourself to make the emotional adjustment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Your head swirls with ideas and concepts. Present some of your most ingenious suggestions or recommendations with a creative flair.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): An unexpected financial windfall brings excitement to your life. Do not let this be an easy come, easy go situation. Consider saving or investing.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Change can sometimes be a difficult pill to swallow. Stay positive and bravely forge toward an unknown yet promising future.

Weekend Movies

Ladder 49
Friday - 8:00 p.m., Saturday - 10:30 p.m.,
and Sunday - 3:00 p.m.

Saw
Friday - 10:30 p.m., Saturday - 8:00 p.m.,
and Sunday - 9:00 p.m.

Features

Match Made in the Holcad

Jon Shaw
"I feel as though I relate to ladies well."
Describes himself as:
"The man of your dreams"

The winners ready to for a night on the town, looking F-I-N-E.

Erin Bartley
"Dating is a fantastic invention; I love it!"
Reason for Applying:
"My mom wants grandbabies."

Alex White
"I don't have an ideal woman. If you start liking a person, you start liking a person."
Reason for Applying:
"Wants to meet a nice girl and take her to eat food that isn't cooked by Sodexho."

Julie Schupay
"My ideal date would be an over the top, black tie affair. I like getting all gussied up."
Describes herself as:
"Sooo dateable"

Laura Zorch
Feature Editor

This is the moment you have been waiting for: reading about the glorious blind dates of your peers. The last two weeks have been sleepless nights for you, just knowing that The Holcad was making magic happen and you couldn't know about it… until now! You wonder, "Laura, why did you want to set students up on blind dates?" The answer to this inquiry is threefold:

I have wisdom beyond my years to recognize a quality, made to last relationship. Some folks can tell when it's going to rain. I can tell when a couple is about to explode.

Those who can't match make, date. Those who can't date, match make. (FYI: it's not that I can't date, no disorder is preventing me to do so; unless awkwardness counts as a disorder. It is just that I haven't been on a date for a while, because I have been too… busy… with things like…watching TV… Ugh.)

People are crap at setting themselves up. Most folks will go out with anyone, even if that person had "I will be awful to date, I suck at life" stamped on his or her forehead.

Ok, so none of those answers are of any consequence (except the third one, which is true in some, cough-most, instances), and you just wasted about 2 minutes of your life reading them. The real answer is that The Holcad was lacking romance and passion. It was my duty to inject these missing ingredients in to this otherwise fine periodical.

If you have ever viewed programs like Blind Date, Elimidate, and The Fifth Wheel, you will wholeheartedly agree with my claim that reality dating is the key to romance, and quite possibly, love.

I don't think there is one episode of The Fifth Wheel that did not end with the bringing together of two soul mates destined for marital bliss. The Holcad needed to join the ranks of these romance machines.

Making Magic Happen

I enlisted the help of editor-in-chief, Miss Megan Sigler, to sift through the pile of fabulous dating applications we received. Students were literally putting their future of love in our hands. So we had to be careful, and make wise decisions. Using the latest scientific technology, mathematical theories, and psychological discoveries, we made matches between four students. Complicated? Yes. But to the untrained eye, it would have looked like Megan and I were just talking and eating cookies over the applications. Foolish bystanders.

The final couples were to be Erin Bartley and Alex White (their places on the applications' "awesomeness scale" were the same), and Julie Schupay and Jon Shaw (their applications had an aura of confidence). Read on for the sweet tapestry of romance that was woven on Friday, February 11th.

Meeting Their Mates

The foursome met their matches at the information desk of the McKelvey Center. Nothing says "love at first sight" like the information desk; mmm… retrieving information.

The first to arrive was Alex. I could tell he was ready for a spectacular evening. Erin and Julie showed up together, looking like a million bucks (Not a combined million, but each worth a million. Who the crap looks like a half of a million dollars?)

Erin looked shocked to find that Alex, one of her friends, was to be her escort for the evening. So much for blind dating!

Apparently, Megan and I had a brief mental meltdown, and forgot that only 12 people attend Westminster. As it turns out, Alex applied only after Erin told him to apply.

I think the fact that Alex and Erin were friends prior to this arrangement speaks volumes for our amazing ability to match make. At least this date wasn't going to end in hatred!

The other couple, Julie and Jon, was a blind date. In what might transpire from the rendezvous, Julie stated it best: "Who knows what will happen?"

Side note: all four of them look great together, don't they (see photo of four hotties)? Can I get an "amen"?!

Attraction with a side of Steak

In an effort to be exceedingly awkward, Megan and I accompanied the daters to the Iron Bridge. We did not sit with the four of them, but instead spied and eavesdropped from a distance. As luck, or fate, would have it, we sat right behind them.

We did our best to keep low profiles. They probably forgot that we were even there. (see photos of spying)

After the main course, we pulled each individual from the table for mid-date impressions. Noteworthy excerpts of their reactions:

Erin: "It's a little weird to be on a date with Alex. We just had dinner in the cafeteria last night."

Alex: "There are no sparks, but I am enjoying everyone's company. Prime rib could've been cooked more."

Julie: "It's not awkward at all. We are able to banter back and forth, no dull moments."

Jon: "We are having nice, flowing conversation. I haven't been able to tap in to her soul yet." And that, my friends, is the funniest quote of the evening. "Tap in to her soul". Well done.

Dessert followed our journalistic intervention. Word on the street is that there was some cake handling between Julie and Jon. (Julie picked up his cake to put in his take-out box.)

"It was a special moment when she grabbed my cake, it was magic," Jon said. Julie agreed, "It was the first time I've ever handled someone's dessert."

I guess these days, touching your date's dessert is no longer reserved for the third date.

Overall, the dinner lasted a solid two hours, and it was filled with points of uproarious laughter, which we took as good signs. Laughter can only represent two reactions on a first date: the "Wow, you are tremendously funny, and I am enjoying myself" reaction, or the "Wow, I would much rather be sawing off my arms than be sitting here with your hysterically stupid self" reaction. The laughter in the booth behind us was definitely the former, not the latter reaction.

Megan and I being all too smooth with our observation techniques.

We chauffeured the double date back to campus for parting reactions. Heck yes there was chauffeuring action; lending once again to Megan and I making the date uncomfortable for all involved.

Lasting Love?

So, did we make a love connection? You can come to your own conclusions, with these parting words from each of the daters:

Erin: "I really enjoyed the whole idea of the evening and meeting new people. It was a fun thing for two friends to do. I am definitely ready for another blind date!"

Alex: "It was something different for Erin and me. It was fun, and I think the other half of our group might hit it off. I would go on another blind date; the worst thing that could happen is that you don't like the person, and the best thing that might happen is that you do."

Julie: "Jon and I have a good rapport. I gave him my number, and we're going to go out later tonight. We're getting along, so there might be something more. It was a positive blind date experience."

Jon: "We have a little bit of chemistry, a good match. I'm open to the possibility of something more. We'll definitely be friends; I think I have room for one more."

After last Friday, The Holcad is now truly a vessel of love and the sexiest publication on campus. Give it up Argo; The Holcad is a pair of red Stilettos to your orthopedic sneaker.

Laura Zorch is a junior public relations and art double major. She is a champion of cookie consuming and donut devouring. Her future aspirations include marrying for money and cat herding.

Alex and Erin clearly underestimate our sneakiness.

Grubbin' with Greg

The Springfield Grille: Fancy pants definitely required

I figured that if I couldn't have a Valentines Day dinner with my soul mate then why not have dinner with one of Westminster's most classy, prestigious and fun girls: Beth Brooks.

Greg Smith
Grubbin' with Greg

I'm sure that many of you were out on a hot and steamy romantic date with your significant other during this past Valentines Day weekend.

As a matter of fact, most of you were probably acting like a bunch of nanzy panzys as you pathetically stared deeply into your lover's eyes over a candle lit dinner.

Well this kid can't claim to be so lucky as to fall into the stereotypical routine that comes about the same time every year.

I figured that if I couldn't have a Valentines Day dinner with my soul mate then why not have dinner with one of Westminster's most classy, prestigious, and fun girls: Beth Brooks. That's why this week I'm going to tell you about my date with Beth Brooks at the Springfield Grille.

Now before I go any further I want to make it perfectly clear than when I say date I mean it in the sense of fulfilling an engagement to go out with another person in a social setting, not in a romantic way.

The last thing "Westminster High" needs is some type of love scandal between students and staff!

Anyways, the Springfield Grille is the type of place that you walk into and think "Wow! I'm not this classy!" The good news is that you can be that classy with a heads up from yours truly and a couple of quick suggestions that I learned during my date with Ms. Brooks.

First things first, call ahead and make reservations. Let's face it nothing makes you feel more important than when you walk into a restaurant and have reservations. This is particularly true if there are a bunch of chumps crowding the entryway hoping that a table will open sometime in the next 2 hours.

Not only will this add points to your cool factor, but it will also save you a lot of time and frustration. While this is the case I must admit that I would have been one of those chumps crowding the entryway had it not been for Beth taking care of the reservations.

Second, the Springfield Grille is a nice restaurant with a more sophisticated atmosphere. That being said, maybe you should consider ditching your usual beer stained attire and replace it with a more causal outfit, after all it's only for one evening.

Needless to say Ms. Brooks looked smashing because she's a lady of class and social grace. Knowing this ahead of time I figured that it wouldn't hurt if I threw on a dress shirt and tie, in hindsight I could have probably lost the tie but then again it's not everyday that you get to go out to dinner with Beth.

It always helps to know the menu before you go somewhere so that you don't have to waste your time searching through it. Once again Beth was there to save the day and she was full of recommendations.

I'm a moderately picky eater so I suggested that perhaps we start off with some cocktails and an appetizer. The one thing that you'll learn is that you can't go wrong with anything you order at the Springfield, whether it is a special house cocktail, appetizer, or your dinner everything is simply amazing.

After throwing one back and munching on some mouth watering spinach artichoke dip I had finally made up my mind. I wanted the Zing Chicken. The name says it all; it was a real zinger so much that I couldn't even finish the meal!

It's almost absurd if you can finish your meal when you go the Springfield, especially considering that they stuff you full of fresh hot rolls & muffins (that shows just how classy this place is), your choice of either salad, turtle soup, or soup of the day, and then to finish it off your enormous plate of food.

However, if you've been on a hunger strike for some strange cause then you'll be lucky enough to be able to try out one of there amazing desserts. Unfortunately neither I nor Beth could fit another morsel of food into our stomachs, so we had to skip dessert.

There's no doubt in my mind that the environment that the Springfield grille provides is very conducive for having good times, good memories, good food, and most importantly good conversations with good people.

That's why I must admit that my date with Beth Brooks was better than any other date I could have possibly had with anyone else.

I think it's safe to say that we'd both give the Springfield Grille 4 out of 4 Twinkies.

Until next week, keep on grubbin'.

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Green buildings to hit campus?

By Matthew Snyder
Staff Writer

A presentation hosted by Professor Shahroukh Mistry and junior Colby King last Tuesday, Feb. 15 proposed that new buildings on campus strive to be "green."

They suggest that buildings attempt to meet environmental guidelines through Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification.

The presentation explained LEED certification's point-based system of standards aimed at reducing environmental impact of buildings, encouraging energy conservation, and implementing other "green" technologies.

"The key here is to remember that green buildings aren't the outlandish buildings we think they are," Mistry said at the presentation. "It's just about putting extra thought into what goes into [the facility]."

Mistry said that possible considerations for a green building could include water and energy efficiency, sustainable building sites, indoor environmental quality, and careful consideration of resources and materials used in the building process.

According to Mistry, there are several tiers to LEED certification based on how many points a building earns: certified, silver, gold, and platinum. He believes the campus ought to aim no lower than certified level, but that silver would be preferable.

King supports the LEED certification for a variety of reasons, the foremost being the health benefits such a building might provide.

Green buildings, according to the presentation, offer better air quality and more natural lighting. Air is cycled more and filtered when it enters the building. Several studies concerning the increased productivity of students who receive improved natural lighting were also cited.

Physical Plant Director Owen Wagner also attended the Tuesday presentation. Wagner's responsibilities in the new construction at Westminster will include interaction with the architects, contractors, the campus community, and regulatory agencies, among many others.

In addition, the physical plant will handle much of the construction cost management. "We do our own accounting over here," he says. "My responsibility is I'm given a budget and I must adhere to it."

With budget in mind, Wagner points out that an LEED certified building will probably not be constructed on campus unless it is planned into the budget—and the design— from the start. He cites the presentation, where the potential cost increase of a certified building could be anywhere from a half percent to two percent, depend-

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Money can buy WC love

Theta Chi date auction raises $3,560 for a brother in need

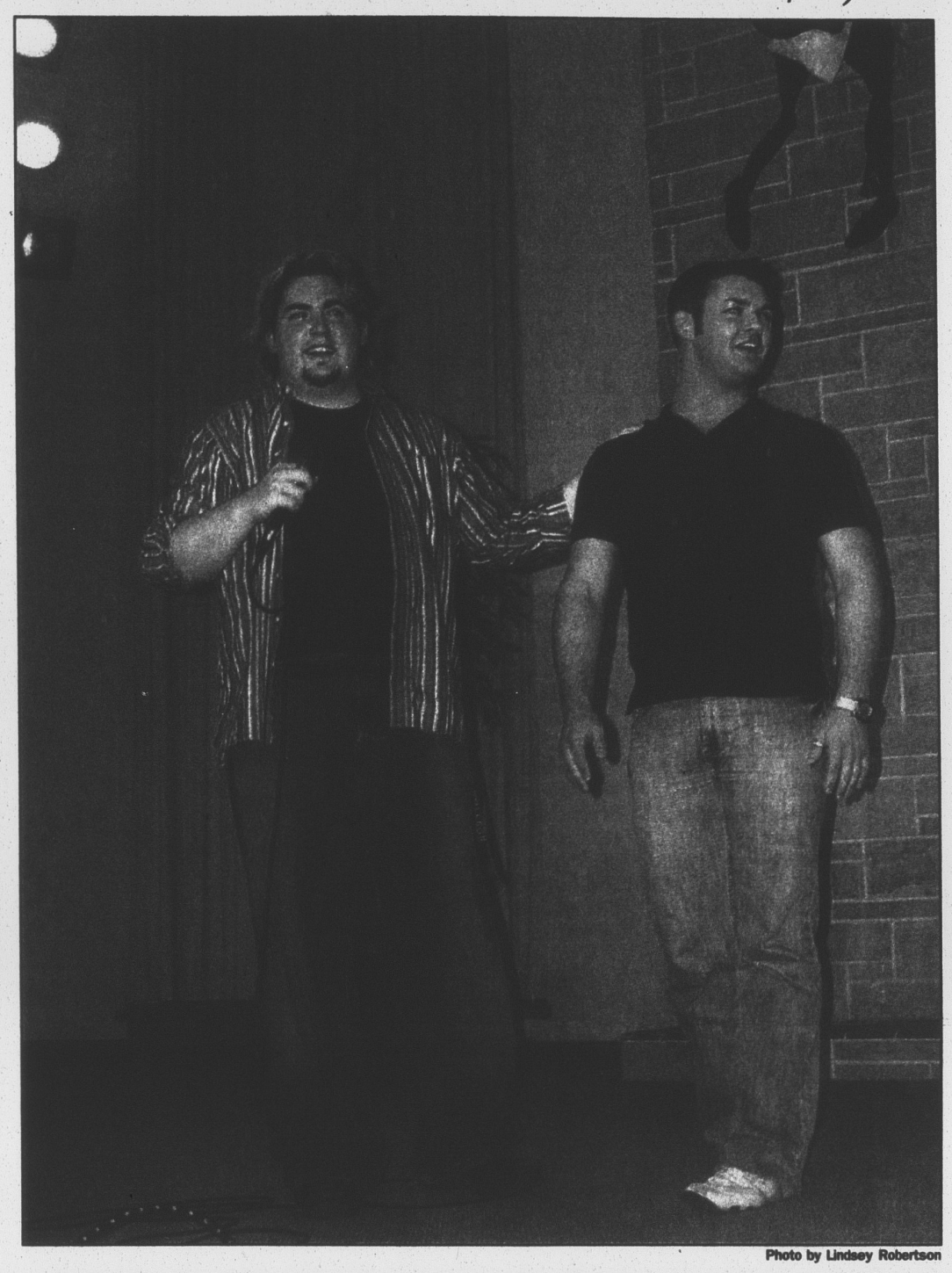

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

The highest offer of the night went to sophomore Seth McClarey, who was sold for $300 at the Theta Chi date auction on Thursday, Feb. 17.

By Megan Sigler
Editor-in-Chief

Theta Chi fraternity will present the Bake family with a check for $3,560 this Saturday thanks to the overwhelming success of the date auction held Thursday, Feb. 17 in the student lounge.

Ron Bake, a brother of Theta Chi, was hospitalized last December after a near-fatal car accident which rendered him unconscious. When news broke of the tragedy, his brothers, family and friends were at his side, praying for him to wake up. Today, with the help of the doctors at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and the steady stream of prayers, Bake is still hanging on, and his family's medical bills will now be significantly relieved as a result of the grand generosity bestowed by the campus.

"It's amazing how our campus can come together to support a cause like this," said Theta Chi philanthropy chair John Buco, who organized the date auction. "Even people who didn't know Ron were more than understanding of the situation."

Senior Rachael Mellor, a close friend of Bake's, described the students' charity that night as "awesome" and expressed her gratitude on his behalf. "If Ron knew how many people came out to support him, he'd definitely be shocked. He'd probably even laugh," Mellor said. "But that's what we love about Ron."

She fondly described Bake as someone "who really cared about other people" and she hoped that this effort would be a comfort to his family as they supported him down the path to recovery.

"It was not for Theta Chi, it was not for the Greeks, it was not for Westminster. It was for Ron, and nothing else matters at all."

-John Buco, sophomore

Mellor was one of 33 students to be auctioned off to a packed club room of bidders who showed their support Thursday night by cheering on their brave friends up for sale. The friendly competition grew intense at times as the offers shouted out from the audience often drove prices well over a hundred dollars. The most expensive date of the evening was sophomore Seth McClarey, who was sold for a whopping $300 to an eager and generous bidder, freshman Jelena Gerga. McClarey and Gerga, along with the rest of the lucky couples, will enjoy two free hours of food and bowling at Jillian's in Boardman on their special date. Even students who did not win dates managed to walk away with other prizes, including money from the 50/50 raffle and gift certificates from a Chinese auction sponsored by several local businesses.

At the end of the night, the grand total surpassed the brothers' expectations, as the $3,560 tripled what the fraternity raised at last year's date auction.

While Buco is certainly proud of the hard work and brotherhood that went into making the auction a success, he does not forget the real reason behind the event. "It was not for Theta Chi, it was not for the Greeks, it was not for Westminster," he said. "It was for Ron, and nothing else matters at all."

Scrawl expresses student creativity, talent

By Kim Nester
Campus Writer

Move over, Andy Warhol. The campus center has transformed into a museum of art, showcasing original paintings, drawings and photographs conceived from the creative talents of Westminster students.

The campus is encouraged to view and vote for their favorite pieces that will, in turn, be published in the student arts and literary magazine, the Scrawl.

"I definitely think it is important for the Westminster community to have an avenue to share their creative talents with each other," said Serah Stauffer, executive editor of Scrawl. "It is a great way to get connected with other artists and writers and to learn about each other and ourselves by showing what we can do."

The magazine showcases literary art pieces as well that include but are not limited to poetry, prose, fiction, short stories and scripts,

Junior Elaine Blevins submits her poems to Scrawl every year.

"It encourages writing and creating for the fun of it rather then saving it just for classes," Blevins said.

Past publications of Scrawl have included works from students of every major, not just those who have a focus on art or writing, and have been comprised of a variety of different forms of art.

"Scrawl has no preferred style of writing," Stauffer said about one's chance for publication.

"Though work is accepted based on the general preference of the student selection committee."

While the deadline for visual art pieces has passed, Scrawl is still accepting literary art pieces until Friday, March 4. Literary works are to be submitted by e-mail to Serah Stauffer at stauffsh@westminster.edu.

Questions about Scrawl should be directed to Stauffer or assistant editors, Sandy Edmiston and Jarrod Takah.

Photo by Johnny Johnston

Scrawl Assistant Editor Jarrod Takah and Executive Editor Serah Stauffer pose before the visual art works submitted for publication in the campus arts and literary magazine. Students can vote for their favorite pieces that are displayed on the second floor of the campus center until Friday, Feb. 24. Winners will be placed in the spring edition of the Scrawl. Literary submissions are still being accepted. Deadline for poems, short stories and essays is Friday, March 4.

Opinion

Rant & Rave

Sometimes, you just don't feel like talking.

How do you write a justified scream?

Drama is my major, not my life!

Sir Schemes A Lot

I'm pretty sure I asked for pecan sandies.

You're going to get Tartuffed!

Aghhhhh!!

I'm so not getting my tattoo touched up.

Heck yes, I love to rant and rave.

My britches doth ride up.

Rant.

The dude abides.

Why is it that the Happy Bus is now the SADD Bus?

Alas, they were not.

Fireworks in the dead of winter. How cool is that?

My silverware is magnetic.

Well, you and me, we could change the world.

I have a Mini-me! And it isn't the least bit creepy.

Aw, sleet.

Word to your mama.

Run, run, fast as you can.

NASCAR would be a lot more fun if the drivers had their kids in the back seat yelling "Are we there yet?"

Rave.

Chase the winter blues away.

I love the Info Desk.

Let's have an Inquiry reunion. I'll bring the copy of Ishmael.

Today I'm wearing the both the bitter pants and the sicky pants.

Behold, the power of cheese.

Remix!

Hey, dude.

I hate dressing up Thursdays. That's the day I most want to be a bum.

It is very foolish to shut oneself into any wardrobe.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Finding a cure for Westminster-itis, one analogy at a time

By Sandy Edmiston and Kathryn Larson
Staff Writers

We have spent a good hour pontificating on the meaning of life. Yes, the sentiments swirling "how then shall we live our Westminsterian years?" have sauntered around, now pouring out from our lips.

There, our first two divine sentences in what we hope to be a manifesto of our definitive goals conducting a sense of self at Westminster.

Being English majors, we are voicing a similar fear. William Shakespeare visits us in our dreams, in our classes, in our daily lives on campus, and causes us to question, is something rotten in the state of Westminster? Are we ripe and ripe or rot and rot?

We have both been activists attempting to breed good will and a zest for an explored life; however, our endeavors often are tinctured with embarrassment.

As we both have a bit of red in our hair, we fear a reddish blush in our cheeks does not bode well across our fair complexions.

And the reasons why we progress are not because of our egotistical desires but of what we hope to flesh out as a passion of genuine thought, a drive of sincere being, and a zeal for life as part of our educational core.

While Kathryn has only resided here one precious semester, and Sandy for four engaging years, we both sense the same intrinsic campus problems.

While zest for various ideas and activities exists in small pockets across the dark tundra of campus, we fear that the campus as a whole is too often numb to change in response to prosperous ideas, educated responses and worldwide issues.

Yes, the examples are small, but they have obviously kept us up at night, and have even gone so far as to convince one southern belle and one tree-hugging hippie that they need pair up - to take action against feeling like criminals or foolish bleeding hearts.

Imagine, gentle reader, spending months planning a mass campus event or an unrequited affair at a college in say "New Wilmington."

Imagine these events are not outlandish but something quite common - spread across most college campuses.

Imagine now that these events are merely to provide a wealth of knowledge on recycling or bring a little culture - a "joie de vivre" to a community that is perceived as "dry, tasteless and dull."

Bowling and movies may flirt with good clean fun, but there's more to life than throwing balls down lanes or chomping on popcorn. We students do have the ability to engage ourselves in activities that cultivate our minds and mold our world-changing characters.

So, why are these activities so difficult to organize (or gain permission to organize) and almost impossible to inspire student and administrative participation?

We have several thoughts as to why such problems exist, and also being the eternal optimists that we are, our sanguine thoughts, often like our hair, lead us to erudite discourses and important achievable extensions.

Translation: we have solutions to make Westminster a more vivid and engaging campus and community.

Problem one: **Not HOT enough and KISSING up.**

Westminster has sacrificed her 150-year-old traditions in order to appeal to 12-17 years old more interested in Usher on Hot 101 and Kiss FM than in "ushering" in new academic interests and thoughts.

Problem two: **Eradication of the pesky radical.**

Those of us who try to articulate change often find ourselves pitted against the barriers of "cult personalities" who see us as either threats or pesky children.

We admit that we are young, and liable to making some errors. However, we would not want the fear of mistakes to prevent any positive steps or actions in the first place. Why should radical immediately be characterized as bad?

Problem three: **Westminster-itis.**

We believe that students are inspired by their classes, fascinated by their professors, and concerned about that which they are learning. However, they are also often too deemed too half-wit faineant and afraid to pursue such interests further.

Problem four: **Westminster-itis, Phd.**

We fear that many of our sage-like faculty fail to follow-through on what they teach for lack of thyme and (lemon) zest. While we imagine many of them listened to Simon and Garfunkel in their early years, and themselves termed too radical, many seem to have settled into patterns of either nonchalance or an Armageddon-like lack of hope.

These throws of often mediocrity push students off the edge of any revival in understanding how best to enunciate your passions or give cadence to your worthwhile whims.

(Note: We don't mean to sully the character of all faculty. We know some of you are still out there fighting the good fight, and still listening to Simon and Garfunkel.)

Neither of us are pre-med. However, we feel we have a right to at least attempt to diagnose and possibly cure this highly communicable, very contagious and potentially fatal disease of Westminster-itis.

Solution one: **Mother fair loses her whorish make-up.**

We're serious here. We are given Crayola-based pigments, when we know we can be Chanel.

Our college's new marketing strategies are an insult to every genuine, unmarketed-molded perspective that our education allows our unique and individual minds to think. SAT scores will not be elevated for the next four years.

We'd rather dumb ourselves and therefore adopt Ashlee Simpson-esque trademarks then deal with the rough economic years-allowing ourselves to develop a genuine and sustainable voice.

Solution two: **The denouement of the difficulty students face when attempting to make change for the better.**

We're not protesting the Web site, questioning the rules, or trying to improve college policies simply because we like to complain.

We are given Crayola-based pigments, when we know we can be Chanel.... We'd rather dumb ourselves and therefore adopt Ashlee Simpson-esque trademarks than deal with the rough economic years-allowing ourselves to develop a genuine and sustainable voice.

We genuinely feel that the subtle ways of silencing us (i.e. punishing whole events for the breaking of one rule, giving us simple answers to our developed and difficult questions, condescendingly agreeing to our "radical" ideas and events) are detrimental and cause us to be victims of our own Westminster-ian society.

We are young and we might make mistakes. Help us learn (we are a college, remember?) rather than punishing or mocking without understanding the situation further.

Solution three: **Take two aspirin and then actually do something in the morning (Note, drinking more to numb the pain is not recommended by these writers - unless of course it's really good wine).**

Students, it is your responsibility to advertise yourself as the best person you can possibly be. Someone once said, when you wake up, you can be in a good mood or a bad mood.

Complain when it's necessary, not when it's simply complaining. Get off your high horse, or your extremely low one, and care! Why are you really here?

If you don't feel like doing anything, go lip sync on Saturday Nigh Live. Otherwise, talk to your professors when you're inspired after class, and by all means make Westminster life sparkle daily. And, quit habitually wearing sweatpants to class.

Solution four: **Restock the herb rack (it's next to the medicine cabinet and no we weren't referring to pot. Come on, people).**

We refer again to our cheesy sage analogy (remember, we're English majors and reserve the right to over-season our bad analogies).

Remember what you got into teaching for. We firmly believe that many of you need a potent kick in your academic gown-wearing rear ends.

What first inspired you about what you teach? What in your college classes made you unable to sleep at night?

Keep us constant insomniacs, please! It's so much better than being lulled into the daydreams that we know you hate seeing us nod into in class. We'll try to do our part, if you'll help us and do yours.

So, we're not exactly Marx and Engels and this ain't your typical Manifesto; however, it's ours-and we're sticking to it.

If you don't at least read it, we'll send it to Fidel Castro and see if he'll offer us refuge.

At least there we can smoke fine Cuban cigars and drink crates of wine in our rooms while putting tape on any piece of paint we desire.

We'll tan our fair complexions whilst mussing up our reddish hair along the fits of sand and sea-salt.

We'll talk along the oceanic shores and sift though our dreams of a Utopian Westminster - all the while thinking about how we might have really done something during those formative years.

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Don't forget to check us out online!

www.westminster.edu/student/publications.cfm

Oops!

In last week's front page article "New credit card policy: Priceless?" it was mistakenly said that Fresh Start would be getting longer due to the new state law regarding credit card marketing on college campuses.

A program will instead be removed to make room for the credit card program.

If you have any further questions, please contact Dean Camille Hawthorne.

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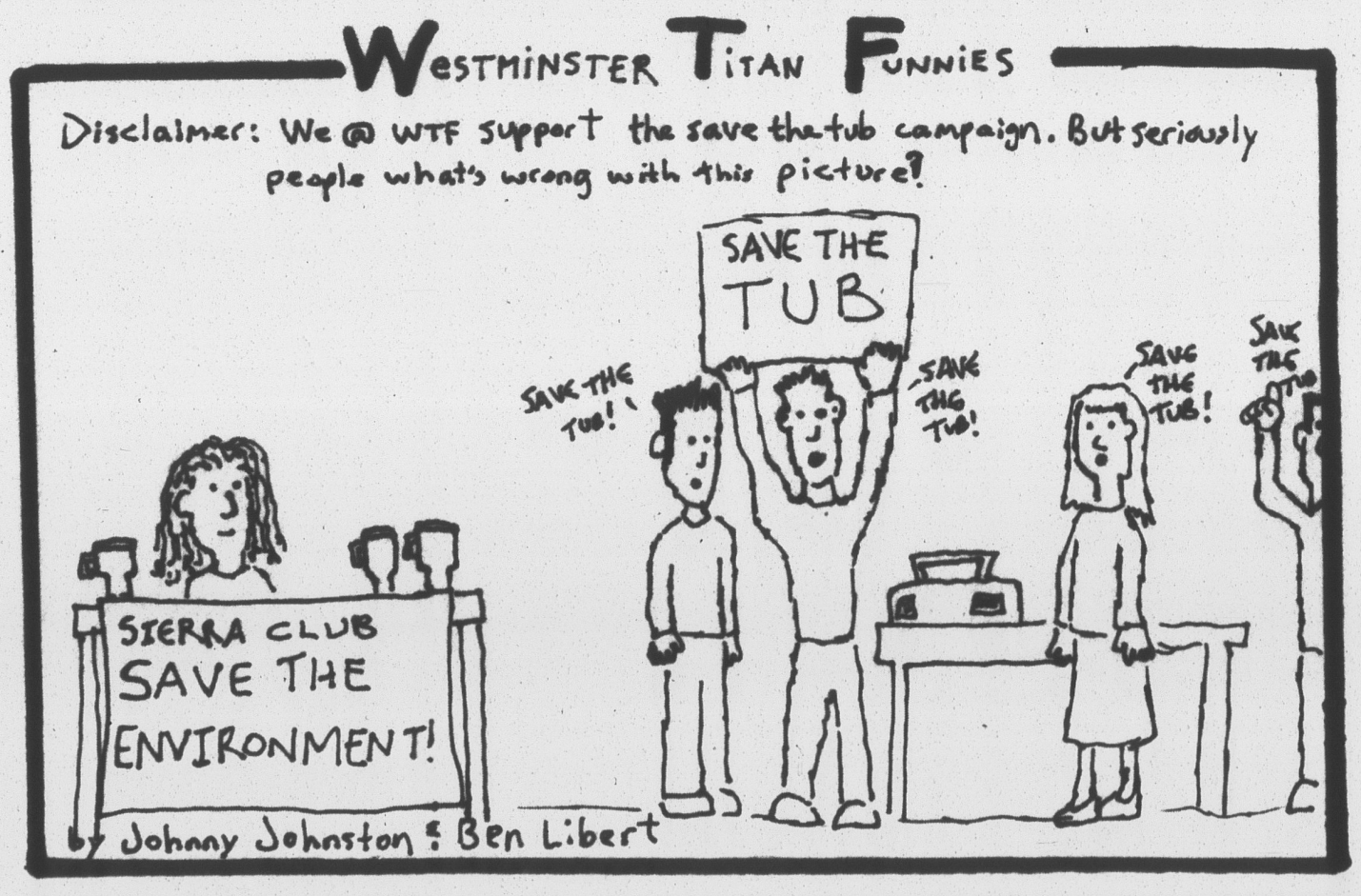

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Outside the Bubble

Off Campus

PSU Black Caucus says school response to racism is poor

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) - The Penn State Black Caucus called on students, administrators and university President Graham Spanier to assure the safety of minorities on campus and claimed the school takes a halfhearted approach to racial tensions.

"This is about students' rights, students' welfare," caucus President Ed Smith told several hundred students at a rally Tuesday.

Smith told the crowd that a man spewed racial insults and threats at him from a dorm last Thursday for 20 minutes until campus police arrived.

University police are investigating the incident, as well as a Feb. 16 incident in which someone shouted at a black female student from Porter Hall about 11:30 p.m., university police Supervisor Dwight W. Smith said.

"We've already received some information that were tracking down those leads," Dwight Smith said.

Penn State spokesman Tysen Kendig defended the university's response to such complaints, saying that police and university staff have held floor meetings with students, security has increased and the university has distributed materials to encourage a conflict-free environment.

Complaints have arisen over the years by students complaining of a racist and homophobic climate at the State College campus. Of 41,289 students, the campus has 1,664 black students, or about 4 percent. Minority students make up 12 percent of the student body.

There were eight reports of bias-motivated crimes on campus in 2004, up from four in 2003, according to police records. Two of the 2004 reports were described as anti-black; the others were designated as anti-Semitic and anti-homosexual.

So far this year, the campus has logged three reports of bias-motivated crimes. Two were designated as racially motivated, including Thursday's incident; the other was listed as anti-Semitic.

In December 2003, the caucus demanded the chairman of the university's College Republicans resign after he placed photos on his personal Web site of a white man in black face and another with a Ku Klux Klan reference.

In April 2002, some students received racist and anti-homosexual e-mails. In spring and fall 2001, several students received racist letters, some containing death threats.

Black Caucus leaders said they plan to outline their demands for change and present them to the university, which Smith said has failed "to create a systematic change in climate."

Not all students agree that the school has a serious discrimination problem.

"No one really cares," said Bridgette Brown, a junior. "Even as an African-American, I'm not talking about it all the time. It's not that there's no racism here, but it's not concentrated here any more than anywhere else in America."

Regional

Hershey Foods Corp. wants to alter name

By Marc Levy
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Hershey Foods Corp., the nation's largest candymaker, wants to change its name to The Hershey Co., and double its available shares to help finance future, unspecified enterprises as part of a larger corporate makeover.

The company, which makes such brands as Reese's, Almond Joy, Mounds and KitKat, said in regulatory filing it also was considering revising the Hershey logo. It said the moves would require shareholder approval.

While Hershey would not specify what it plans to do with the extra money it hopes to generate by doubling its current authorization of 525 million shares, industry analysts have raised the possibility that it will acquire a competitor candy business, such as Cadbury Schweppes PLC.

The new moniker is "on trend with today's marketplace, is easily identifiable and will provide flexibility should the company choose to expand into other market segments," Hershey Foods said in a Friday filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Samuel Weaver, professor of finance at Lehigh University and Hershey's former director of financial planning and analysis, said the company must be considering a big purchase because it doesn't have considerable debt and it has enough cash to fund its capital improvements.

The Hershey Trust Co., the company's largest shareholder, would continue to hold the controlling stake in the company. Hershey Foods currently has about 250 million shares outstanding.

The new name would be the company's fourth since Milton Hershey founded it as the Hershey Chocolate Co. in 1894. The present name dates back to 1968.

As far back as 20 years ago, company executives considered changing the name to The Hershey Co., questioning whether "Hershey Foods" might eventually become too constricting or inaccurate.

"We thought, 'What if we're no longer in foods, what if we're strictly in chocolate confectionery?'" said Richard A. Zimmerman, the company's CEO from 1984-1993.

Hershey Foods has owned coffee, pasta and frozen-foods businesses and the Friendly's restaurant chain, but in recent years has sold off those assets and concentrated on expanding its chocolate lines and snacks like low-carb bars and cookies.

Last year, it purchased smaller companies to bolster its core business, including the Mexico-based maker of spicy candies, Grupo Lorena, and Hawaii's largest macadamia nut processor, Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Corp.

Shareholders would have to approve the changes at an April 19 meeting.

The company's stock dropped 15 cents to $61.49 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday.

International

Bush, German chancellor call anew for Tehran to renounce nuclear ambitions

By Tom Raum
Associated Press Writer

MAINZ, Germany (AP) - President Bush and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder insisted Wednesday that Iran must not have nuclear weapons, but remained divided on how to coax Tehran into giving up its suspected ambitions for such an arsenal.

"It's vital that the Iranians hear the world speak with one voice that they shouldn't have a nuclear weapon," Bush said at a news conference with the German leader.

Both sought to play down the differences between the United States and Europe.

"We absolutely agree that Iran must say, no, to any kind of nuclear weapon," Schroeder said.

Bush made his nine-hour stop here during a trip to Belgium, Germany and Slovakia, where the president meets Thursday with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Schroeder wants Bush to more actively engage with talks led by Germany, France and Britain that offer incentives to Tehran, such as membership in the World Trade Organization, in return for dropping its uranium enrichment program.

"There needs to be movement on both sides," Schroeder said.

Bush backs the European diplomacy but frowns on the idea of rewarding Iran for breaking the nonproliferation treaty that prohibits it from making nuclear fuel or for sponsoring terrorist groups in Israel such as Hezbollah.

"We will work with them to convince the mullahs that they need to give up their nuclear ambitions," Bush said of the Europeans.

He added: "The reason we're having these discussions is because they were caught enriching uranium after they had signed a treaty saying they wouldn't enrich uranium. ... They're the party that needs to be held to account, not any of us."

National

U.S. teens involved in their faiths but have major gaps in religious knowledge, survey says

By Richard N. Ostling
AP Religion Writer

(AP) - The majority of American teens believe in God and worship in conventional congregations, but their religious knowledge is remarkably shallow and they have a tough time expressing the difference that faith makes in their lives, a new survey says.

The notably comprehensive National of Study of Youth and Religion concluded that "religion really does matter" to teens.

The research found that devout teens hold more traditional sexual and other values than their nonreligious counterparts and are better off in emotional health, academic success, community involvement, concern for others, trust of adults and avoidance of risky behavior.

The four-year effort was conducted by 133 researchers and consultants led by sociologist Christian Smith of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Smith reports the full results in the new book "Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers" (Oxford University Press), written with doctoral student Melinda Lundquist Denton. The book will be published next week.

Smith says the material "is not just about teenagers. It speaks more broadly about the direction of American religion."

The project involved a telephone survey of 3,370 randomly selected English- and Spanish-speaking Americans, ages 13-17, followed by face-to-face interviews with 267 of the respondents in 45 states.

With ongoing funding from the Lilly Endowment, researchers will continue to track the same teens through 2007.

While America is becoming a more diverse nation, at least 80 percent of teens still identify as Protestant, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Mormon or Jewish, with most teens adhering to their parents' faith tradition, the report said.

Substantial majorities said they: Were affiliated with a local congregation (82 percent); had few or no doubts about their beliefs in the past year (80 percent); felt "extremely," "very" or "somewhat" close to God (71 percent); prayed alone a few times a week or more often (65 percent); and "definitely" believed in divine miracles from God (61 percent).

Fifty-two percent said they attended worship two to three times a month or more often.

On most of the measured criteria, Mormon youths were the most engaged in practicing their faith, followed in order by evangelical Protestants, black Protestants, mainline Protestants, Catholics and Jews.

An entire chapter of the book examines Catholic youths, described as fairly weak "on most measures of religious faith, belief, experience and practice." The problem is attributed largely to ineffective youth programs and "the relative religious laxity of their parents."

Among Jews, only 44 percent believed in a personal God who is involved in peoples' lives today, and 34 percent said they never pray alone.

Future reports from the researchers will provide more detail on teens from specific religious denominations.

Though the phone survey depicted broad affinity with religion, the face-to-face interviews found that many teens' religious knowledge was "meager, nebulous and often fallacious" and engagement with the substance of their traditions remarkably shallow. Most seemed hard put to express coherently their beliefs and what difference they make.

Many were so detached from the traditions of their faith, says the report, that they're virtually following a different creed in which an undemanding God exists mostly to solve problems and make people feel good. Truth in any absolute, theological sense, takes a back seat.

"God is something like a combination Divine Butler and Cosmic Therapist" who's on call as needed, Smith writes.

He says the trend reflects tendencies among teens' Baby Boomer parents.

The report speculates that poor educational and youth programs, and competition for teens' time from school, sports, friends and entertainment also are part of the picture.

In an interview, Smith, an Episcopal layman with children ages 13, 11 and six, said fellow parents should know that "teens are not from another planet. They're just people like everyone else. They're a lot more connected to the adult world, and listening to their parents, than people have any idea of."

No margin of error was released, though the response rate of 57 percent in the 2002-03 phone survey makes the results statistically significant, Smith said, with variations depending on the group being discussed.

Medical examiners giving up the effort to identify World Trade Center remains

By Sara Kugler
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - The city medical examiner's office says it has exhausted all efforts to identify the remains of those killed at the World Trade Center, confirming the heartbreaking truth for the many Sept. 11 families who wanted something, anything, to bury.

In the 3 1/2 years since the attack, forensic scientists have identified the remains of nearly 1,600 of the dead. But the families are now being told that the limits of DNA technology have been reached, leaving more than 1,100 of the victims unidentified.

For many of the families, any hope that their loved ones' remains might be found had all but slipped away long ago.

They buried caskets with photographs and mementos instead of bodies. On holidays, they visit gravestones that mark nothing but a spot in the earth.

For many, the trade center site in lower Manhattan, instead of a cemetery, is where they feel a connection to their loved ones.

A year after the attack, Ronald Fazio's family held a wake with a coffin full of keepsakes, knowing his remains might never be found but needing the ritual to move on.

Photos of the family dog, sand from the Jersey shore and Fazio's favorite treat, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, were buried in a cemetery near their New Jersey home.

"It might seem like an artificial type of wake, but people there were connected to what was in that coffin as if it was my father," Robert Fazio said.

A mangled credit card was the only trace of Ronald Fazio recovered in the more than 1.5 million tons of trade center rubble that rescue workers excavated for more than nine months.

Out of nearly 2,800 victims, fewer than 300 whole bodies were recovered.

Forensic teams worked around the clock after the disaster to identify the dead via DNA from toothbrushes and combs supplied by the victims' families.

During the monumental effort, the remains were kept in refrigerated trucks outside the coroner's office.

Nearly 20,000 pieces of bodies were found in the ruins, more than 6,000 small enough to fit in five-inch test tubes. The most matched to one person exceeded 200. More than 800 victims were identified by DNA alone.

Nearly 10,000 unidentified parts have been freeze-dried and vacuum-sealed for preservation in case advances in forensic technology someday enable scientists to identify the remains.

In many cases, the fierce fires, the crushing debris and other factors prevented scientists from extracting usable DNA.

"I feel very gratified that we got as far as we did, given the quality of the DNA that we had to work with," said Robert Shaler, director of forensic biology.

"We know there's still some DNA there in some of these remains ... but we need other techniques to get at it, and when that happens we'll have someone on the job to look for new identifications."

The victims' families praise the medical examiner's office and the gentle way the staff handled the heartrending task.

The medical examiner's office said it started calling families a few weeks ago and will probably send letters by next month.

"We really felt they did everything they could," said Diane Horning, whose 26-year-old son Matthew was killed.

Four pieces of her son were identified, the first, shortly after the attack, and the last just a few months ago.

Like the Hornings, hundreds of relatives have been notified each time another piece was identified. As a result, many families postponed decisions about what to do with remains until now.

Others could not face the horror.

"I kind of pretend it didn't happen," said Maureen Shay of Staten Island, who lost her son, Robert.

"Something was found, I don't know what it is, I don't want to know what it is. I prefer to think of him as whole someplace."

Some realized their loved ones' remains would never be found.

Eric LaBorie, whose wife, Kathryn, was a flight attendant on one of the jets that crashed into the trade center, said she was working the first-class cabin and was probably at the front of the plane.

"With the impact and the jet fuel, I just kind of knew that she had vanished into the air," said LaBorie, who lives in Providence, R.I. "I would have been really surprised if they did call me and tell me they found something."

Not having a grave and other rites of mourning was frustrating, he said.

He has returned to the park in Bermuda where they were married and has thought of putting a bench there in her memory.

Like so many milestones since Sept. 11, Fazio said, the end of the medical examiner's work is "a message to some of us, that we need to remember our family members for who they were when their bodies were here in full, and live our lives knowing that."

Campus News

Haas to retire, will be missed as coach, mentor

By Amanda Downs
Campus Writer

S. Kipley Haas, a coach and professor of 35 years, will be missed when she retires at the end of this semester.

Haas, a 1967 graduate of Slippery Rock, has been involved in coaching numerous sports teams since she started working here in 1970. She is also a professor of physical education and wellness. Along with leaving a major impact on the Titan athletic program, she will be leaving a lasting impression on the faculty and students here.

"Coach Haas will be dearly missed in Old '77, because anytime there is a problem, she's always there to take care of it," secretary Nancy Wicks said.

Haas will miss the people here as well, particularly the students. As the primary Aquatics I instructor for the physical education department, one of her favorite activities is helping non-swimmers learn to swim.

"The student body is fun, willing, and eager to learn," Haas said. "It's been a great place to work."

Haas has led many teams to successful seasons, including women's basketball, tennis, golf and field hockey. She is currently head coach for women's tennis and administrative assistant for women's golf. After holding the position of head coach of the women's basketball team for 22 seasons, she was the basketball assistant for nine more years. Haas was also the adviser of the softball club before it was even considered an actual team.

Student athletes from several different sports that have benefited from her coaching talents will not soon forget Haas.

"The golf team won't be the same without the help of our assistant golf coach, Coach Haas," said sophomore Kelly Spisak. "It's been nice having her around to give me personal advice as well as help the rest of the team. It will be hard to replace someone who was so dedicated to assisting each individual player."

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- Kelly Spisak, sophomore

Haas led the women's tennis team to five championships during her 14 seasons as coach, and helped the women's golf team win the PAC championship in 2004 for the first time. She was named the NAIA District 18 Coach of the Year for the 1988-89 basketball season, as well as PAC Coach of the Year in the 2004 season for tennis.

Haas enjoys hearing from former students that had her as a coach or teacher. She has had several graduates call her to tell her that they have taken up swimming as a result of taking her class.

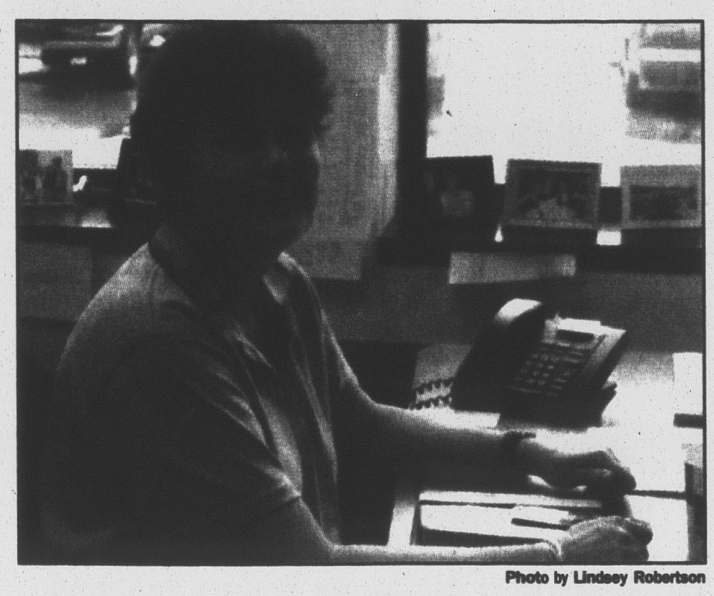

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

Coach Haas is retiring after 35 years at Westminster. She has had great success coaching a number of teams to championships.

"Since it is such a small college, I've been able to keep in touch with many alumni over the years," Haas said.

Haas taught physical education for three years at George Washington Junior High School prior to her 35-year career here. She earned her master's degree at Slippery Rock in 1971.

Campus praises diversity

By Alysa Wright
Campus Writer

A diverse and enthusiastic audience joined the performers in their exciting journey through the history of Gospel music.

Students, faculty and community members celebrated Black History Month with "Gospitality," a lively Gospel performance, remembering famous Gospel pioneers last Thursday, Feb. 17.

Provided by the Office of Diversity Services, the performance included 20 inspirational Gospel classics, illustrating the start and evolution of Gospel.

"I've never seen so much energy in one room. My church is never that full of spirit. It made me feel good that they were so excited to be doing what they do," said senior Kayla Pearce.

The energy and spirit in the room were enough to get the crowd off its feet before the end of the show.

Some even joined in the clapping, swaying, and singing with as much enthusiasm as the performers.

"Gospitality is an excellent thing to have come to our campus because it opens people's eyes to different cultures and different ways of doing things," said sophomore attendee Juliana Thorbecke.

"Also, it promotes diversity, which is something that is desperately needed on this campus."

Black History Month has been celebrated in America since 1926. It started as a way to recognize African Americans who had made a difference for their people.

Today, it continues to be a celebration of those brave souls who stood up for themselves and fought for their rights.

According to the narrator, Gospel music started as a means of communication between slaves and a way for them to praise the Lord.

It has also served as a way to unite listeners and performers of this music as a country and community.

Over the years, it has evolved from sorrowful songs such as "Nobody Knows the Trouble" to cheerful celebratory ones like "O Happy Day", which were both performed at Thursday's event.

The performance also recognized some of Gospel's great performers such as Mahalia Jackson, Thomas Dorsey, and Marion Anderson.

Among the performers was a young Gospel group called "Cousins" whose ages range from 15 to 19.

The six member all-male group is one of the most well-known young Gospel groups in the country.

Dine N' Shine gives seniors tips for the business world

By Sarah Milanovich
Campus Writer

Current seniors started to prepare for life after Westminster last week at the annual Dine N' Shine and Dress for Success Style Show.

The Career Center's annual Dine N' Shine and Dress for Success Style Show was on Feb. 15. During the dinner, the students were presented with tips for business dining, style, and fashion. Following the meal, 19 student volunteers modeled the latest in business casual and formal fashion for men and women.

"The purpose of the event is to prepare students to enter the work field or post graduate work," said Jackie Meade, director of the Career Center.

The evening's meal began with an invocation by senior Dennis Buffone and continued with a presentation on business dining etiquette by Dr. Cary Horvath, communications professor at YSU. During her presentation, Horvath spoke about everything from ordering to passing the salt and pepper. She also stressed the importance of attitude toward everyone involved in the diner interview.

"A person who is nice to me and not nice to a server is not a nice person," says Horvath.

The evening continued with style tips from Cindy Cochran, owner of CJ Cochran and Company Day Spa and Salon. She stressed the importance of being well groomed from head to toe when interviewing and choosing a style that matches that of the desired position.

"The idea of an image is marrying all your skills with how you dress, your makeup, and your hair," said Cochran.

Following Ms. Cochran, Michele Czerwinski, marketing director for the Grove City Prime Outlets, presented the audience with fashion tips for the interview process. She included advice on the type of clothes to wear and advised the seniors not to dress to trendy.

The final portion of the event was the style show. The 19 models in the show were wearing casual and formal business attire from seven stores located in the outlets as well as jewelry from the Zales Diamond Store Outlet.

The students in attendance were pleased with the event and the information presented by the speakers.

"Each of the speakers has a little to offer," said senior Emily Wehr.

Her classmates were in agreement. However, some had ideas of how to make the event more beneficial.

"I wish it had been earlier in the year," said senior Meredith Kerner. "I've had a job since before Christmas break."

Students are encouraged to visit the Career Center for any help they may need in preparing for their next interview.

Green

Campus buildings to become more environment-friendly?

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ing on what level of certification is sought.

Wagner argued that if the building was two percent more expensive to build, and that it cost around 3 million dollars, the price tag goes up by sixty thousand dollars.

While energy savings and maintenance costs might eventually earn some or all of that money back, he feels it may be difficult to find that much money initially.

Mistry and King argue in favor of a green building for similar reasons.

Savings due to conservation and maintenance can eventually add up to more money than the initial cost increase.

King feels it may be possible to drum up enough money to build green. And Mistry feels the initial cost increase could be significantly lower.

"The New Hall dorm at CMU (Silver certified) was built for $142 per square foot," Mistry said. "That is less than the projected cost of the new WC townhouse ($145)."

"We're kind of using [the petitions] as a means of educating the campus community on the possibilities of LEED certification."
- Colby King, sophomore

According to Mistry's projections, though, even taking the average cost increase of a certified-level green building, the price tag only goes up about .66%.

Therefore, if the townhouse's projected cost of 2.7 million dollars is accurate, the cost increase at the first tier of LEED certification would be about $17,800.

"We would recoup the cost in very short order," Mistry said. "Just the energy and maintenance savings alone for such a green building would be $266,000 over 20 years."

Other benefits of seeking an LEED certified building, according to King, would be the public-relations benefits, which might draw in prospective students.

He also cites possible research opportunities for those involved with environmental sciences.

Most parties agree that in order to build an LEED certified building at Westminster, it will have to be part of the plan from the start of construction.

According to Mistry, the next important step would be selecting contractors and engineers who could build green.

Vice President Ken Romig is a member of the housing committee working on the plans for a new dormitory. According to Romig, the committee is still in the preliminary stages of housing plans, examining other colleges and other dorms, and deciding what they intend to build.

Meanwhile, King and Mistry have begun to circulate a petition available for students to sign.

"We're kind of using [the petitions] as a means of educating the campus community on the possibilities of LEED certification," King said.

It is King's goal to inform students through the petition, so as not to have a list of "blank" signatures. The petition has gathered several hundred signatures so far.

Choirs and orchestra combine for performance

By Lisa Williams
Campus Writer

More than 120 voices will saunter in-and billow out-whilst an orchestra bursts against the refrain of singing enchantment. This Saturday, the Festival Chorus performs the Fauré: Requiem with the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra.

The performance - immersed in the swirl of our Concert Choir, Womens' Choir and Mens' Choir - creates an unparalleled vision.

"It's unlike anything we've ever done before because it's all blended together," freshman Katie Hammond said. "Everyone is using every ounce of their talent and strength to make this as beautiful as it can be."

In addition to the performance on campus, the concert will also be performed on February 27 at the Packard Music Hall in Warren, Ohio, and March 6 at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood.

Choir director Dr. Robin Lind notes that the requiem, written by Gabriel Fauré, is viewed as a mass for the dead; however, it's often performed as a concert. Sung in Latin and containing seven sections, the fourth section sets itself a part as music professor Dr. Anne Bentz sings the "Pie Jesu" solo for the first two concerts.

The March 6 concert will hear the solo voices of junior Doug Spiri, senior Rachel Varine, and senior Dennis Buffone. Although at this performance, the orchestra will not be present, Dr. Elizabeth Harrison, Assistant Professor of Music, will provide organ accompaniment.

Lind urges the community to attend the performance.

"This is really unique because it's been awhile since the choirs have combined with an orchestra," Lind said. "The audience will be touched and moved by the beauty of this piece; you will go away a changed person."

Tickets for this Saturday's 7:30 performance in Orr Auditorium are $5 for students and $15 for adults. They can be purchased at the door or by calling the Celebrity Series Box Office.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 31°	High 38°	High 32°	High 36°	High 31°	High 32°	High 29°
Low 18	Low 29	Low 28	Low 18	Low 16	Low 15	Low 14
Cold with clouds and sun	Times of clouds and sun	Cloudy with snow possible	Snow showers possible	Mostly cloudy and cold	Intervals of clouds and sun	Clouds and occasional sun

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	7:00 a.m.	6:09 p.m.
Sunday	6:59 a.m.	6:10 p.m.
Monday	6:57 a.m.	6:11 p.m.
Tuesday	6:56 a.m.	6:12 p.m.
Wednesday	6:54 a.m.	6:13 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Saturday	8:51 p.m.	8:14 a.m.
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Monday	11:06 p.m.	8:57 a.m.
Tuesday	none	9:22 a.m.
Wednesday	12:18 a.m.	9:54 a.m.

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Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Mar 3	Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar 25

Weather History

On Feb. 27, 1717, the first in a series of storms to hit New England struck Boston. The city was snowbound for three weeks with a total of 36 inches from the great snow.

Regional Cities

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	31	19	pc	40	31	pc	39	28	sn	34	19	sn	29	17	c
Butler, PA	34	18	pc	41	28	pc	36	30	sn	41	20	sn	33	18	c
Cambridge, OH	38	18	pc	42	30	pc	38	30	sn	38	22	sh	34	20	pc
Canton, OH	32	18	pc	41	30	pc	38	28	sn	35	20	sn	30	19	c
Cincinnati, OH	43	26	s	43	34	pc	45	29	r	37	24	sh	39	21	pc
Clarion, PA	30	17	pc	38	26	pc	33	27	sn	35	17	sn	30	16	c
Clarksburg, WV	39	17	pc	42	30	pc	35	30	sn	42	24	r	39	19	pc
Cleveland, OH	30	21	pc	36	32	pc	38	28	sn	33	20	sf	30	18	c
Columbus, OH	38	24	pc	38	33	pc	42	31	r	40	22	sh	34	20	pc
Cumberland, MD	36	19	pc	40	27	pc	37	28	sn	39	23	i	36	19	pc
Erie, PA	27	20	sf	38	31	pc	36	28	sn	32	17	sn	29	18	sf
Franklin, PA	30	17	pc	37	27	pc	30	27	sn	37	18	sn	30	16	sf
Greensburg, PA	35	20	pc	42	31	pc	35	31	sn	38	22	sn	35	20	c

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Greenville, PA	30	19	pc	38	29	pc	37	27	sn	34	18	sn	29	15	c
Grove City, PA	32	18	pc	38	28	pc	36	29	sn	39	19	i	31	15	c
Hagerstown, MD	38	20	pc	37	24	pc	36	25	sn	38	24	sn	39	21	pc
Indiana, PA	33	19	pc	41	30	pc	36	31	sn	38	24	i	35	20	c
Jamestown, NY	24	18	sf	33	26	pc	33	26	sn	32	17	sn	26	13	sf
Kittanning, PA	35	19	pc	41	30	pc	36	31	sn	40	22	sn	35	20	c
Lisbon, OH	30	19	pc	40	31	pc	38	28	sn	35	19	sn	30	18	c
Mansfield, OH	30	20	pc	37	31	pc	38	28	sn	32	19	sf	29	17	c
Marietta, OH	41	19	pc	44	33	pc	39	32	sn	39	27	sh	37	22	pc
McKeesport, PA	32	22	pc	41	28	pc	37	26	sn	32	21	sf	35	20	c
Meadville, PA	30	20	pc	35	29	pc	34	27	sn	34	18	sf	28	16	sf
Morgantown, WV	36	19	pc	40	31	pc	39	30	sn	39	25	sn	38	21	c
New Castle, PA	32	19	pc	38	29	pc	33	29	sn	38	19	i	31	17	c

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
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Pittsburgh, PA	32	22	sf	41	28	pc	37	26	sn	32	21	sf	33	19	c
Sharon, PA	30	18	pc	39	29	pc	37	27	sn	34	17	sn	29	15	c
Somerset, PA	31	17	pc	38	27	pc	33	26	sn	32	19	i	29	16	c
Steubenville, OH	35	21	pc	42	31	pc	38	31	sn	37	21	sn	34	18	c
Uniontown, PA	36	18	pc	42	29	pc	35	29	sn	38	23	sn	37	20	c
Warren, OH	30	18	pc	37	29	pc	36	28	sn	34	18	sn	31	15	c
Washington, PA	35	16	pc	42	27	pc	38	28	sn	36	19	i	35	18	c
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Youngstown, OH	31	18	pc	39	29	pc	37	27	sn	34	18	sn	29	16	c
Wooster, OH	30	18	pc	41	28	pc	38	27	sn	33	19	sn	30	18	c
Zanesville, OH	39	19	pc	42	30	pc	39	30	sn	38	22	sh	35	19	pc

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Ladies advance in playoffs

Team takes Waynesburg in last regular season game and first round of the post-season

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The lady Titans had a dominating performance in their final regular season game against Waynesburg College last Saturday.

The Titans were able to beat the Jackets by a score of 67-48, moving them to 17-7 overall and 7-3 in PAC play.

These two teams didn't get much rest from each other, as they faced off in the opening round of PAC tournament.

The Titans have taken the reigns of the third seed while Waynesburg has the sixth.

The ladies never had to play from behind in the game as they took it to the competition from the opening tip.

The Titans at one point had a twenty-two point lead in the first half but was cut down to merely nine as the first half closed.

The Jackets kept it close in the second half as the Titan lead was once again slimmed down to six.

However, the Titans went on another long run, which sealed the victory.

It was fitting that on senior day, a senior would step up huge for the Titans.

Senior Alyson Gasper netted a career high twenty-one points, including three three-pointers in the first four minutes of the game, four assists and five steals while Sophomore Desiree Sterling aided her with nineteen points, five assists and four steals.

The ladies shot fifty percent from the field and held a commanding advantage over turnovers. (29-14)

Seniors Gasper, Tallo, Mary Jane Eaton, and Erin Marrow were honored durig the game for their contributions to the basketball program.

In the playoff rematch Tuesday night, Sterling scored a game-high 13 points, as the team overcame a 12-point second-half deficit to post a 54-43 win.

The ladies jumped out to an an early lead, but was outscore for the remainder of the half as Waynesburg took a five-point lead (24-19) into halftime.

The Yellow Jackets then opened the second period with a 7-0 run take a 31-19 advantage with 14:37 to play.

The Lady Titans answered with a 13-2 run of their own to cut the lead to one point (33-32) with 9:57 left.

Waynesburg maintained a narrow margin until a three-pointer by Gasper tied the game 43-43 with 3:24 to play.

The trey by Gasper started a 14-0 Lady Titan run to close the game, as Waynesburg was held scoreless.

Sterling was the lone Lady Titan to score in double figures, while she also joined Tallo and Eaton for team rebounding honors with seven each.

Tallo also recorded team-best totals of three assists and seven steals.

Waynesburg, which did not place a scorer in double figures, was led by Rachel Dillon with nine points.

Both teams struggled from the field, with Waynesburg shooting 33 percent (15-of-46) to 29 percent for Westminster (19-of-65).

The Lady Titans enjoyed a healthy advantage at the foul line, making 13-of-23 attempts to 6-of-6 for the Jackets.

Westminster held a narrow 42-41 rebounding advantage, but the Lady Titans forced 27 Waynesburg turnovers while committing just 11.

With the win, the third-seeded team improved to 18-7 on the season.

They advance to face second-seed Grove City in the PAC Tournament semifinals at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pa., this Friday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m.

The sixth-seeded Yellow Jackets closed the 2004-05 season at 10-14 overall.

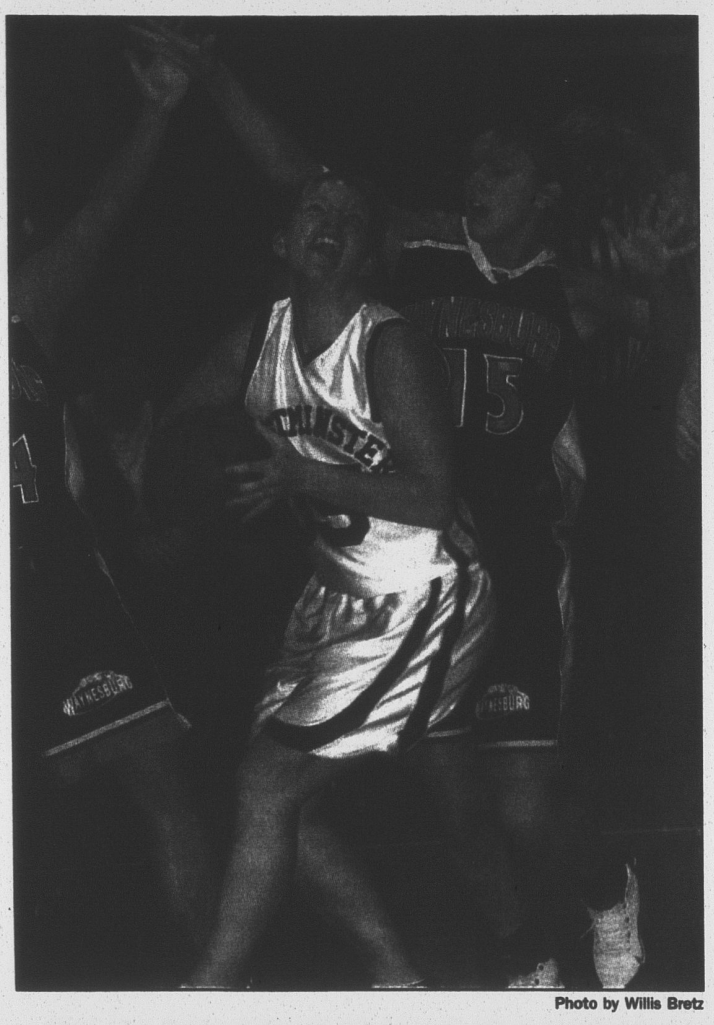

Photo by Willis Bretz

Mary Jane Eaton driving to the hoop as she is guarded by two Waynesburg players. The Lady Titans won the PAC playoff game 54-43.

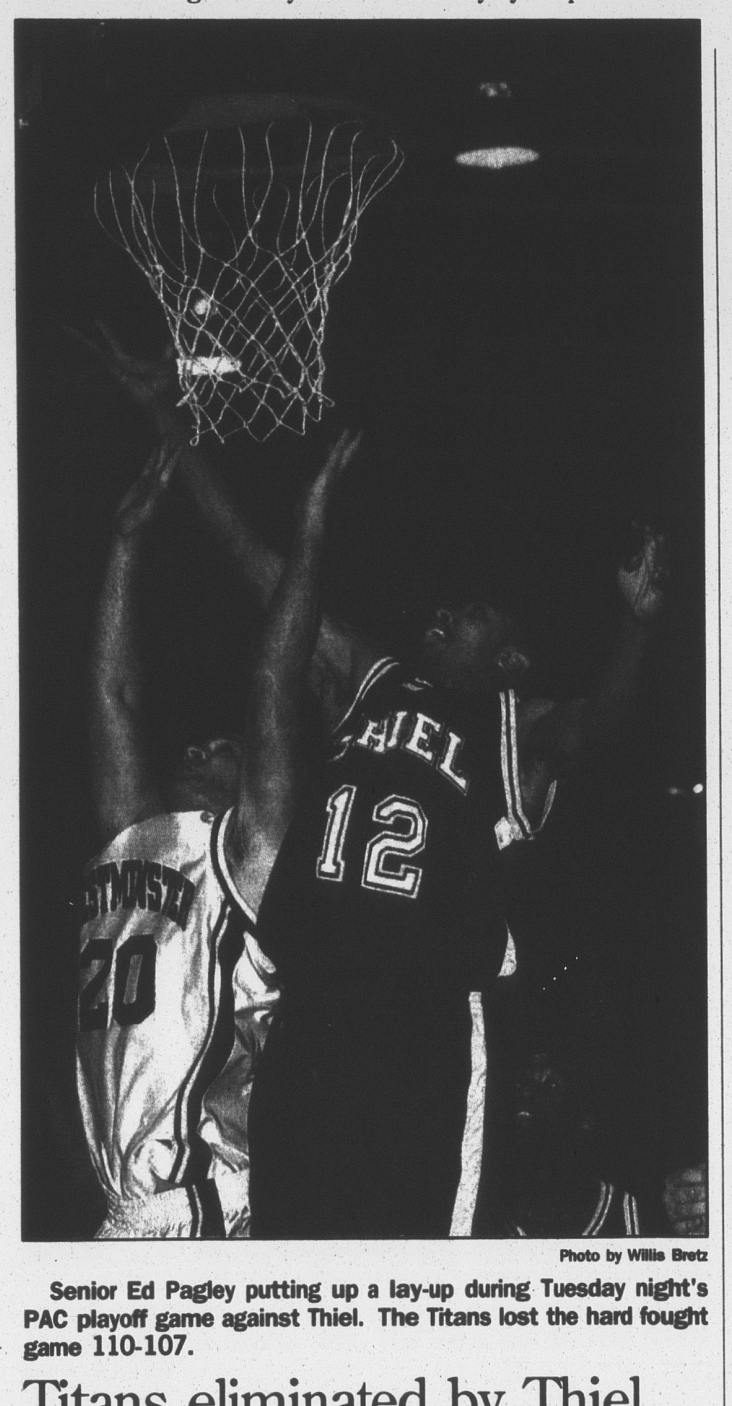

Photo by Willis Bretz

Senior Ed Pagley putting up a lay-up during Tuesday night's PAC playoff game against Thiel. The Titans lost the hard fought game 110-107.

Titans eliminated by Thiel in first round of playoffs

The Westminster College men's basketball team was eliminated from the 2005 PAC Championship Tournament Wednesday at home, as the fourth-seeded Titan cagers dropped a 110-107 first round decision to fifth-seeded Thiel College.

Thiel was paced by the duo of Ross Watson and Joe Herrman with 32 and 30 points, respectively.

DeMonaco led Westminster with 24 points while adding a team-high six assists.

Other double-digit Titan scorers included junior forward Dom Joseph with 16, senior guard Ed Pagley and freshman guard Craig Hannon each with 15, and senior forward Pat O'Connor with 10.

Junior forward Micah Delo grabbed a team-high eight rebounds off the bench for the Titans, while Joseph recorded a team-best four steals in the loss.

Thiel shot 58 percent from the field (42-of-72) to 38 percent for Westminster (36-of-94), while the Titans shot just 27 percent from three-point range (18-of-68).

Westminster forced 28 Thiel turnovers while committing just 17, but the Tomcats held a 53-40 rebounding advantage over the Titans.

March Madness: Separating the contenders from the pretenders

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

The Super Bowl and NBA All-Star Game have been played. The Daytona 500 has been run.

February aches toward its end, bringing with it the year's most frenetic time for sports' fans: March Madness.

Now is the time for the contenders to separate themselves from the pretenders.

Across the country, some very familiar programs have performed at a level that earns the distinction as a Final Four contender.

Perhaps none stronger than the big Midwest Orange Crush.

Entering March, only one thing is certain in college basketball-Illinois' unblemished record.

Despite having played in what seems to be a weaker-than-usual Big Ten, the Fighting Illini wields an incredible fast-tempo attack.

Led by Dee Brown and Luther Head, the Illini have used heady, team-oriented basketball to position them at the top of college basketball's upper echelon.

Apart from Illinois, Michigan State and Wisconsin have displayed flashes of promise that will garner significant consideration by the seeding committee.

Out West, Salim Stoudamire's sharp-shooting has carried Arizona back to national prominence.

Joining Arizona as the West Coast's biggest contenders is Washington and Gonzaga.

Washington is led by the diminutive floor general Nate Robinson, while the Zags are led by the dread-locked monster Ronnie Tauriaf.

The years of these two teams sneaking up on opponents in March are over. Both squads enter the tournament as top-five regional seeds.

Despite powerful teams from the Midwest and West Coast, it is undeniable that college basketball's axis of power is settled firmly on the Eastern seaboard. This power is represented by the ACC and Big East conferences.

In the ACC, North Carolina, Duke and Wake Forest are not only the best teams in the conference, but also in the country.

Fueled by the leadership of Rashad McCants and Sean May, UNC just may earn Coach Roy Williams his first National Championship.

A few miles down Tobacco Road, Coach K has his Blue Devils poised for another Final Four charge. If he can get hot (as if he's ever gone cold), J.J. Redick can lead the Devils to a National Crown.

For Wake Forest, the nation's most pure point guard in Chris Paul will lead a Demon Deacon team that can challenge any team in the country.

Further north, in the Big East, Boston College leads the pack, followed by Connecticut, Syracuse, and Pittsburgh.

The Eagles are the surprise of this college basketball season. Despite their great record, a lack of media respect has to put a large chip on their collective shoulders. I look for them to play well into the tournament.

UConn, Syracuse, and Pitt have done an adequate job of beating up on one another during the regular Big East season.

I look for all three to earn four or five seeds in the tournament, unless one of them can upset Boston College and claim the Big East Crown in New York.

In the NCAA tournament, I look for the ACC to dominate the field of 64. Though the Big East may be deeper, the ACC wields teams of better quality.

I look for UNC, Wake Forest, and Illinois to make the Final Four. The final spot could emerge from any conference in the country.

I also expect Illinois to be playing for the National Championship. Illinios seems to be too deep, too mature, and too team-oriented to stumble.

However, as we've often seen, in March, anything can happen.

Men's tennis ready to get the season started

For the past two years, the Westminster College men's tennis team has been on the cusp of capturing the PAC championship.

Now, after placing second each of the past two seasons, the Titan netters hope they have what it takes to get over the final hurdle and reach the top of the conference mountain in 2005.

The Westminster men went 10-9 in 2004 under fifth-year head coach Scott Renninger and placed a strong second at the PAC Championships.

In 2005, the WC netters return seven of nine lettermen, including four starters, as they look to take the final step to the top of the conference standings.

Three senior starters will return for their final season donning the Blue and White this season.

Both Corey Sacca and Dave Molitor were All-PAC Second-Team finishers at #2 and #5 singles, respectively, with Sacca going 5-4 and Molitor 12-9 in singles action.

Sam Seo was 8-8 in singles action, primarily at the #3-4 slots.

Sacca posted a 6-3 record at the top doubles slot a year ago, while Seo and Molitor were 10-5 in doubles action, primarily at #2.

Four juniors return in 2005, led by Ben Libert, who captured the PAC title at #3 doubles with graduated brother John Libert last season.

Libert was a team-best 15-5 in singles, earning All-PAC Second-Team laurels at #6 singles, while finishing 14-3 with John in doubles action.

Ryan Mistovich was 2-6 in #4-6 singles play, while brothers Bryan Gesinski (4-4) and Chris Gesinski (1-3) also saw limited action in singles play.

The Gesinski brothers also teamed for a 2-2 doubles record.

Rounding out the Titan preseason roster are five freshmen newcomers: Eugene Cunningham, Jason Lundmark, Andy Polack, Dusty Rhodes and Steven Sumpter.

Tom Heath
Sports Editor

The three N's

There are three dreaded N's of my personal sports world. Few weeks ago you all learned of my love, or rather, lack there of, towards the NHL, but we'll get to that in a minute. There are two other N's in the sports world that I "love." Two of these just happen to be the NBA and NASCAR.

I will start of by saying that I used to really love the NBA. Everything I owned clothing-wise, until 7th grade had something to do with Michael Jordan. I know that others will agree with I say this, the game just isn't the same without number 23.

Flipping through the channels the other day, I came across old NBA all-star games, as well as dunk contests. Who can forget Jordan's famous foul line dunk or the bitter rivalry between His Airness, Dominique Wilkins and Clyde Drexler? Even better, who can forget when 5'7" Spud Webb surprised the field and took the crown in the late '80s?

The game has defiantly changed since then. The Jordan Dynasty, the Celtics, with my personal favorites Larry Bird and Kevin McHale, and the Lakers, with Magic, James Worthy and Kareem Abdul Jabbar are all distant memories.

Now, I probably couldn't tell you outside of a handful of players who even played in the All-Star game Sunday night. Better yet, I have no idea who even won the dunk contest or the 3-point shootout. I don't even know who won in the last six or seven years.

On a personal level, the NBA is just a complete joke these days. After the Pistons and Pacers Royal Rumble, which lead to suspensions, fines and arrests, the NBA makes me sick. There is no defense and there is no sense of team play. Anyways, who won the game Sunday night? I'm serious. I have no idea. The dunk contest? The 3-Point shootout?

Sunday was also the day of my other favorite "sporting" event, if you can even call it a sport - the Daytona 500.

There is nothing like watching a bunch of guys drive really fast around a circle track 500 times and listen to announcers who have a hard time with the use of the English language.

I saw some of the highlights on Sports Center - I had no clue what they were even talking about. Something about the draft, however that relates to driving.

The last time I used the word draft, I wasn't talking about driving a car.

I can't stand how these guys thank their sponsors or owners every other word. It drives me insane. Yes, thank your pit crew and what not. But why thank your owner and sponsors? I mean they should be thanking you, right? You are making them all the money.

Finally, after a glimpse of hope, the NHL season has now officially come to an end. Oh man, am I upset. They'll just have to show more college basketball games to fill the airtime.

I mean it's not like I'd skip class or anything to watch the NCAA tournament or anything. (I apologize to all of my professors in advance for an extended absence in March).

Well, there is hope around the corner. Outside of March Madness, MLB teams report to spring training in a week or so, I have survived and so will all of you out there that share my feelings.

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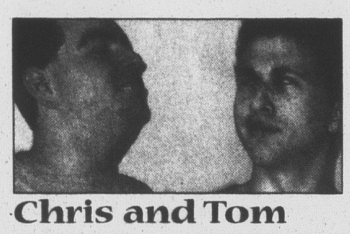
Arts & Entertainment

We know what we're talking about



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

For Best Picture, it will be Million Dollar Baby or The Aviator. One is an epic and the other a heart-wrenching drama. Our guess is as good as any.

Last year the Oscars were as predictable as they come. We held out for some hope for Capt. Jack but, alas, we knew it would be The Return of the King walking home with most of the gold.

This year, however, there is little to no certainty. The precursor awards have split consistently. The critics have gone for performances that just don't win Oscars. Everyone from Ebert to Limbaugh has said their piece.

Now that everyone else has quieted down, we will give you the true Oscar predictions. We have allowed Jess to tackle some of the awards your less likely to be concerned with (although they are just as important!) to allow us to discuss the "majors".

If you think you can out-predict us then come watch the Oscars with us Sunday at 7. Beth Brooks knows our secret viewing place.

A "C" will be Chris' prediction and a "T" will be Tom's. Without further suspense we predict:

Best Cinematography

With Million Dollar Baby not in this race, the sure fire bet seems to be the other frontrunner: The Aviator. However, the Cinematographer's Association gave their award to "France"'s A Very Long Engagement. Then again, if The Passion of the Christ is going to win an Oscar it will be here out of respect for Caleb Deschanel. The Phantom of the Opera and House of Flying Daggers are merely fillers in this category.

T: The Aviator

C: The Passion of the Christ

Best Score

John Williams is required to be nominated, so since he only did Harry Potter, he got his nomination for it. Lemony Snicket was nominated for some reason, as was The Village.

The Passion stands its second best chance here, but the only Best Picture nominee in this category is Jan A.P. Kaczmarek for Finding Neverland. Since The Incredibles was robbed of a nomination and the academy rarely goes for a female composer (Jan IS a man but it's enough to confuse voters), we predict:

T & C: Finding Neverland

Best Song

This is always a tough race. Eminem has an Oscar remember. Going off that though, it is probably best to go with the most famous name in the bunch. Somehow that belongs to the Counting Crows for "Accidentally in Love" from Shrek 2.

Andrew Lloyd Webber already has an Oscar, songs form The Chorus and The Motorcycle Diaries are foreign, and Christmas has come and past so The Polar Express' "Believe" doesn't have the chance it would have two months ago. When in doubt, go with radio play frequency:

T & C: "Accidentally in Love" from Shrek 2

Best Animated Feature

Three films in one category: Shrek 2, Shark Tale, and The Incredibles. Shrek has an Oscar, Shark Tale was horrible, and The Incredibles was considered for Best Picture. Who will win???

T & C: The Incredibles

Best Original Screenplay

Hotel Rwanda's nomination here is unjustified. The Incredibles will have to be happy with their Animated Feature Oscar. That leaves there nominees: The Aviator, Vera Drake, and Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind. Mike Leigh is popular with the Academy so Vera Drake stands a chance.

However, the only Best Picture nominee in this race is The Aviator. But there is so much critical and fan support for Charlie Kaufman's Eternal Sunshine (including a Writer's Guild win) that Charlie should finally win his Oscar.

T & C: Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Best Adapted Screenplay

It was nice of them to nominate the script for Before Sunset. The Motorcycle Diaries needed some real recognition somewhere. And Finding Neverland was the fifth choice for a lot of Oscar voters. This race is between the potential sweeper Million Dollar Baby and the witty Sideways. If the Oscars actually awarded comedies Sideways would have this one easily. Million Dollar Baby is so incredibly popular, however, it could easily overcome Sideway's Writer's Guild win.

T: Sideways

C: Million Dollar Baby

Best Supporting Actor

Alan Alda was a shock nominee and MAY pull this off if The Aviator sweeps. We will get to Jamie Foxx later (besides, he was the LEAD in Collateral). Clive Owen is the highlight of Closer, but the film has no support elsewhere.

Thomas Haden Church has Sideway's support, but his lack of a career (he was Lowell on 'Wings') will hurt him. That leaves the veteran Morgan Freeman to take this one home. Not his best performance but it's enough to win and easily if Baby sweeps.

T & C: Morgan Freeman for "Million Dollar Baby"

Best Supporting Actress

Laura Linney is the only mention of the rejected Kinsey. Sophie Okonedo was very good in Hotel Rwanda but not an Oscar winner. Natalie Portman may pull off an upset for Closer, but if Clive doesn't win don't expect her to either.

That leaves Sideway's Virginia Madsen and The Aviator's Cate Blanchett. Madsen's performance is subdued and nice, but it's short and needs all of Sideway's support to win. Blanchett is portraying Katharine Hepburn, the most victorious performer in Oscar history. This is a leading lady in the best supporting role ever. Somehow this is a close race but it shouldn't be and the most likely winner will take this home.

T & C: Cate Blanchett for "The Aviator"

Best Actress

You remember Catalina Sandino Moreno in Maria, Full of Grace? No one else will either. Kate Winslet got the acting nomination for Eternal Sunshine but she will have to wait for her fifth nomination to win. Imelda Staunton holds to most critics' awards, but rarely does that matter in the big races.

Unfortunately, it looks as if Annette Bening will have to watch Hilary Swank steal another Oscar from her. Bening's "Being Julia" was a tailor-made Oscar role, but with no Aviator competition here nothing will stop Baby's momentum.

T & C: Hilary Swank for "Million Dollar Baby"

Best Actor

Surprisingly Depp has a better chance to win as a pirate. Don Cheadle was great in Hotel Rwanda but it won't matter in this race. Leo's Howard Hughes in The Aviator allowed the world to forget he still looks like a little boy, but even that doesn't matter this year.

The big question is this: Can an aging actor in a well-developed emotional role defeat an amazing imitation of a recently dead icon? It all depends on a Baby sweep and if they vote for Clint's body of work as opposed to one performance. If not, Jamie Foxx becomes the third African-American Best Actor ever.

T: Jamie Foxx for "Ray"

C: Clint Eastwood for "Million Dollar Baby" (I went with a pirate last year!)

Best Director

Hackford-out. Leigh-too bad. Payne-nope. Scorsese-probably robbed again. Eastwood-number two for the shelf.

T & C: Clint Eastwood for "Million Dollar Baby"

Best Picture

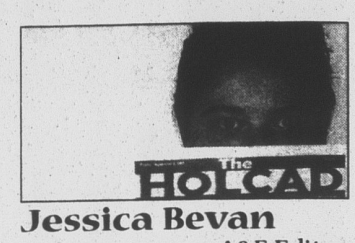
No director nomination means no win: sorry Finding Neverland. Ray is a filler nomination as well. Paul Giamatti's lack of a Best Actor nomination seriously hurt Sideway's chances here. This is between Million Dollar Baby and The Aviator.

Either film could sweep the whole show. The awards could be split by both movies. Or they may split themselves and let someone else slip in. However, for Best Picture it will be one of these two films. One is an epic and the other a heart-wrenching drama. Our guess is as good as anyone's.

T & C: Million Dollar Baby

Chris Medjesky is a fifth-year physics major, who stuck around for an extra year just for the film studies minor. Tom Oyer is a senior sociology major and a film studies minor.

The nerdier half of the Oscars: Mixing, editing, and foreign films



Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

Oscar Day is right up there with some of my favorite holidays - Christmas, Halloween, Arbor Day... Okay, so it isn't a real holiday, but it should be.

Regardless, I mean business when it comes to the Academy Awards. I celebrate the entire catalogue, as someone from Office Space so wisely once said. Yes, I actually care about the weird technical awards, like Best Sound Mixing, and those crazy foreign films.

Why? Those people put a lot into their jobs, working just as hard, if not harder than the people who get their faces on the movie poster at the Loews Waterfront Theater in Historical Homestead, PA. (Represent.)

So, with out anymore ado, my picks for the unsung heroes of Oscar...

Art direction

These are the folks responsible for making the incredible sets look, well, incredible. Nominees include The Aviator, Finding Neverland, Lemony Snicket's, The Phantom of the Opera, and A Very Long Engagement.

If I could, I'd give the award to Finding Neverland just for the amazing sets near the end of the film or Lemony Snicket for sheer creativity.

However, for overall art direction, I have to give it to Phantom of the Opera. The sets and costumes were about the only thing I really liked about that movie and since it isn't nominated for costume, art direction it is. The detail that went into creating the Phantom's cave and the cemetery was pretty outstanding.

Costume design

The Aviator, Ray, Troy, Finding Neverland, and Lemony Snicket's make up the nominees in this category. I have a feeling it will come down to The Aviator and Lemony Snicket.

The costumes for the Aviator were just classic and gorgeous, while Lemony Snicket was crazy and creative. In each case, the costumes establish and drive character development, which is pretty important.

I'll give it to Lemony Snicket in this case.

Makeup

There's only three nominees up for this: The Passion of the Christ, Lemony Snicket, and The Sea Inside (see Foreign Films).

It'll be a toss up between the Passion's all too real blood and icky-ness and Lemony Snicket's multiple transformations of Jim Carrey. I think the Passion's realism will prevail.

Sound Editing

These are the guys who take care of integrating music, voiceovers and the like into a film. The Incredibles, The Polar Express, and Spider-Man 2 make up the nominees in this category.

Michael Silvers is nominated for sound editing and mixing for The Polar Express and sound mixing for The Incredibles. You can't win them all, Silvers. However, he has won twice (2003 for Finding Nemo and 2001 for Monsters, Inc.) for sound editing.

I think these are all evenly matched, so we'll go with experience, and give it to Silvers.

Sound Mixing

Sound mixing is the process of capturing dialogue and whatnot as the movie is actually being shot. The two guys nominated for Ray - Scott Millan and Bob Beemer - have worked together on a handful of previous winners, including Gladiator.

Given the extra fun of having to incorporate Jaime Foxx's musical performances, I think Ray will take it over The Incredibles, The Aviator, The Polar Express, and Spider-Man 2.

Visual Effects

Like art direction and costumes, visual effects is a fun category. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, Spider-Man 2, and I, Robot are the nominees. And they're extremely well matched, with each offering a very different brand of effects.

Harry Potter has the imaginative, creative stuff going on, with mythic creatures, Dementors, giant roller skating spiders, werewolves, and a really temper mental tree.

Spider-Man obviously deserves credit for making us believe Tobey Maguire could swing through Manhattan on a spider web and for bringing Doc Ock to life.

I, Robot had to bring a million robots to life in a crazy futuristic city.

This is probably the hardest of the technical awards to predict, so I'll just play favorites and give it to Harry Potter.

Documentary Feature

This is actually a really interesting category. The directors let the story come to them, rather than creating one. Plus, there's always controversy in some way, shape, or form.

Nominees are Born into Brothels, Tupac: Resurrection, Super Size Me, Twist of Faith, and The Story of the Weeping Camel. I haven't seen any of these, so I'm predicting based on synopsis and Academy trends.

As interesting as Super Size Me is, I think the Academy will think of this as a Michael Moore-type film. And he's not in good favor right now, so sorry to the Super Size Me people.

The Camel story? Boring. That's all you need to know.

Twist of Faith - about a boy who was molested by his priest and ends living in the same neighborhood as an adult - might also be too controversial, especially with two recent convictions of priests in molestation cases.

That leaves Born into Brothels, which is about children forced into prostitution in Calcutta, and Tupac, which is self-explanatory. As much as I admire Pac and his contribution to music, I'll give it to Born into Brothels.

The Academy likes to appear sympathetic to third-world problems like this.

Foreign Film

My prediction reasoning is the same for this category. As it is in Heaven (Sweden) and The Chorus (France) are both about choirs and the power of music, so unfortunately, they sort of cancel each other out. That leaves Downfall (Germany), The Sea Inside (Spain), and Yesterday (South Africa).

Downfall is about Hitler's secretary working from the inside to end the Third Reich. With the all the Sadam hoopla, a movie about a dictator may pull off the win.

However, Yesterday might be too powerful to avoid. It's about a young South African woman fighting AIDS and her relationship with a teacher. That'd be like voting against puppies and chocolate. Yesterday for the win.

If you're itching to make some predictions of your own, check out oscar.com. They're giving out some prizes for the most accurate predictions. You can't beat prizes.

And don't forget to watch this Sunday night. Desperate Housewives won't be on, so what else are you going to do with your night?

Jessica Bevan is a senior, double majoring in English and public relations. She's also a layout editor for this fine paper, has her hands in a number of other organizations, and dreams of being a seat-filler at a major awards show someday.

Southern pop: Ryan Cabrera's rise to the top

By Laura Kennedy
Maryland Diamondback

"The song you write is the song you write, that's how it sounds. You play, and there's going to be people who love you and people who hate you, and you deal with it, and you go on. And ultimately, I'm playing music because I love it."

- Ryan Cabrera

Ryan Cabrera has big, spiky hair, almost like a cartoon character's. He talks a mile a minute, making sure to mention how much he appreciates his ability to play guitar. The singer/songwriter's initial burst of fame came from appearing on Ashlee Simpson's TV show as her boyfriend. And he even has a manager who's somewhat famous in his own right — Joe Simpson, Ashlee and Jessica's father.

Funny — with a resume like that, you'd think Cabrera were a pop star.

Granted, Cabrera will never be confused with the hard rockers of the world. His songs — which he'll play tonight at Alexandria, Va.'s Birchmere Theatre and at Towson's Recher Theatre next Wednesday — have found a home in the top 30, alongside MTV-friendly tunes sung by the likes of his manager's kin. And he's likely to be compared to fellow sensitive songwriters Jason Mraz or — in the case of music and disturbingly pointy hairstyles — Howie Day.

But after schlepping his way through every club in Dallas, months of touring without a record deal, and nearly a year and a half of performing to promote his album Take It All Away, the 22-year-old created his own buzz in the same slow-burn, road-warrior way that's benefited many young guitarists before him. It just so happens there was a hit TV show in constant reruns that helped him out a little.

"That was just our life, and we were living it, you know?" Cabrera says of his time on The Ashlee Simpson Show, which many people see as a publicity stunt for Joe Simpson and company.

"She just happened to have cameras around her, and we were dating at the time. ... People get to see you, and I think anytime you can put an image and a personality to the music it helps. So, that way when they heard the song on the radio, instead of just like, 'Oh, I like that song,' it's like, 'I remember him.' That influences it in a good way. It's good and bad, you know."

The good's starting to win out. As the spotlight on malfunction-prone Ashlee dims, Cabrera's slowly and steadily inches toward making a name for himself — particularly because the two aren't dating anymore. And in a way, his appearances on Ashlee may have helped that process, too: Cabrera, one of the most likable characters on Ashlee, seems to be just as grounded and, relatively speaking, as normal as the show's editors portrayed him — perhaps thanks to the time he spent without the Simpson name attached to his music.

"[In Dallas] the music scene was a little more heavy, and I was just this punky kid with an acoustic guitar," Cabrera says.

"But being able to play every day and being able to play in front of nobody helps you learn more about yourself and what you want to do with your shows — the chance to be comfortable in any kind of situation."

This past year gave him the chance to test his crowd-control skills. After recording his debut album in June 2003 with the Goo Goo Dolls' John Rzeznik as producer, Cabrera hit the road. In between popping in on Ashlee and "say[ing] some dumb things every once in a while" — and misplacing, then replacing, no fewer than five iPods — Cabrera toured with Jewel and played to amphitheaters as an opener on Jessica Simpson's summer tour. Now, with a band behind him, he's finally hitting venues like the 700-seat Recher on his own.

"I did so many shows ... just to get my friends there was a huge deal, you know?" he says. "So now it's really cool that I can play a show and some people come out. To me, like, I don't even care how many people come out as long as I put on a good show for the people who do," Cabrera says.

Cabrera doesn't mind the constant traveling. He says, "The second I get home, I'm like, 'I wanna get back on the road!'" The guy is hyperactive. He got pretty restless in the short time he spent at the University of Texas at Dallas before dropping out to pursue his music career.

"I didn't really like to attend class too much, I had a problem," Cabrera says, laughing. "I was not a good student. I had my mind everywhere else but that. I knew I wanted to play music."

And since the road has quite literally brought Cabrera to his current position, he's fine with staying on for the ride.

"You can't really plan it," he says. "The song you write is the song you write, that's how it sounds. You play, and there's going to be people who love you and people who hate you, and you deal with it, and you go on. And ultimately, I'm playing music because I love it."

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11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Recycling Week Activities — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Kappa Delta Tsunami Penny War Relief Effort — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kappa Delta Tsunami Penny War Relief Effort — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Spongebob Squarepants: The Movie — MCC Mueller Theater

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Titan's Tavern — MCC Club/Lounge

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Alexander — MCC Mueller Theater

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8:00 AM - 5:00 PM "Linux Installfest" — Hoyt 228

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Sexual Assault Task Force Training Session — MCC Witherspoon Room

7:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM Concert: Warren Philharmonic Orchestra and Westminster Concert Choir — Orr Auditorium

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Alexander — MCC Mueller Theater

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Night Owl Bowling (two vans) — MCC Entrance (Shaw Hall Side)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Spongebob Squarepants: The Movie — MCC Mueller Theater

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3:00 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller: Spongebob Squarepants: The Movie — MCC Mueller Theater

6:15 PM IFC Meeting — MCC 255

7:00 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Alexander — MCC Mueller Theater

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11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel

4:30 PM All-Campus Book Discussion: The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini — MCC Mueller Theater

5:15 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — 314 Thompson Clark

7:30 PM Jazz Ensemble Concert — MCC Berlin Student Lounge

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

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7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Scrawl Celebrate the Arts Gathering — MCC Berlin Student Lounge

8:00 PM Circle K Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt

8:30 PM Seekers College Fellowship — MCC Club/Lounge

9:00 PM Allies Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

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12:45 PM All-Campus Meeting — TBA

4:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting — Patterson 113

5:00 PM Seekers Exec. Meeting — MCC 352

5:00 PM SWAT Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple

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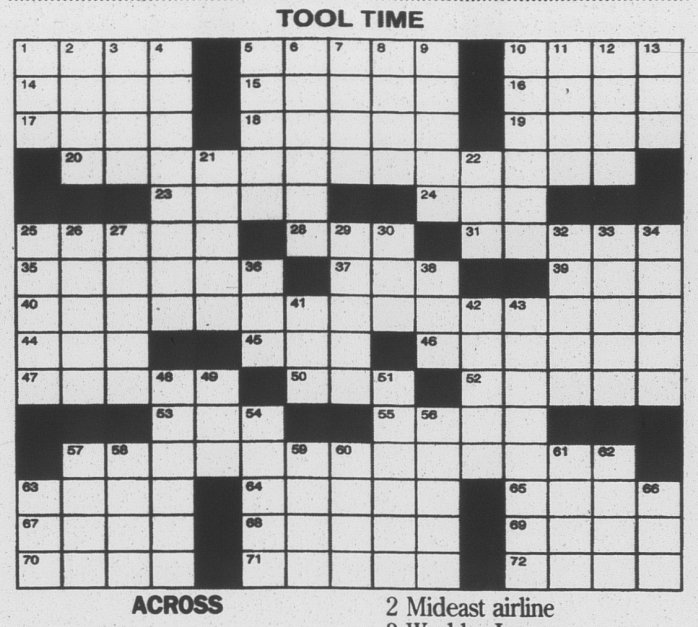

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Surrender to the moment. Do not attempt to hold on to people, places or things that are no longer functional in your life. Welcome change.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Friends are willing to go the extra mile in order to satisfy your needs and make you happy. Show some compassion and provide them with clues.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Do not jump the gun, or prematurely reveal your hand when negotiating a big business deal. It will take patience and composure to pull it off.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): There is a high probability for foreign travel or study. Take steps to expand your personal boundaries and courageously explore the unknown.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Seek financial guidance or planning from a qualified counselor and avoid a careless or indifferent streak with your money. Plan to save.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): There are several ways you can contribute to or support the goals of a partner or mate. Give in a little, and you stand to gain a lot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Avoid major upsets or disasters in the workplace this week. Handle minor details with care and be quick to extinguish little fires.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Do not allow teasing to neither get under your skin or upset your state of mind. Keep a cool head while dealing with children or immature adults.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Find time to spend alone and to recharge your battery. Get quiet, go within and make a conscious effort to listen to your inner voice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Stay calm and avoid overreacting to an unexpected proposal. Take a deep breath and take it in, one word at a time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You cannot expect a moneymaking idea or venture to pay off overnight. Plant the seeds of prosperity now and give them ample time to take root and grow.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Relax and look forward to a highly active and involved week. Just be yourself and you will attract the ideal partners or situations for success.

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Cash Awards & Recognition for Undergraduate Entrepreneurs

To: Faculty Nominators and Westminster College
fill in your school's name and send to your campus newspaper

The Ohio Valley Region – Indiana , Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia – are open for applications from all undergraduate students in these states. The 1st Place Ohio Valley Regional winner will collect $2,500, the 2nd Place winner $1,000, and the 3rd Place winner $500. Awards will be presented on June 3, 2005 at the John Carroll University Entrepreneurs Association Awards Dinner. The deadline for submission to the awards competition is March 1, 2005.

The Ohio Valley Regional winner will advance to the National Global Student Entrepreneur ™ Awards Competition offering a top prize of $10,000. This award will be presented in Fall of 2005 at a major national conference.

Fostering entrepreneurship at the undergraduate level is the goal of the Muldoon Center for Entrepreneurship at John Carroll University, which is promoting the contest for the Ohio Valley Region – Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The awards are a program of the Jefferson Smurfit Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at Saint Louis University and are nationally sponsored by The Coleman Foundation, Edward Jones, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Northwestern Mutual, and the Kauffman Foundation. It is regionally sponsored by John Carroll University, the Harvard Business School Club of Northeastern Ohio, and Cohen & Company.

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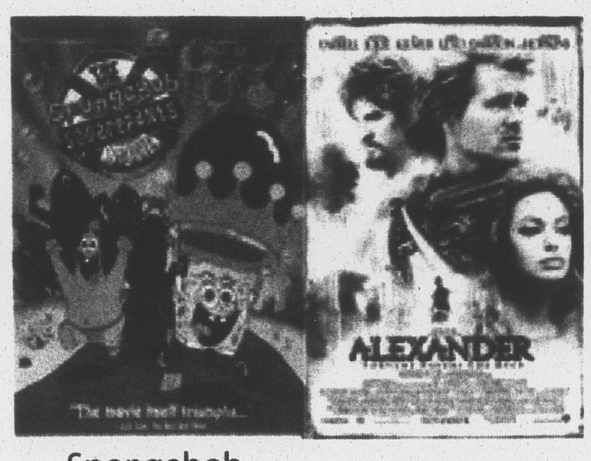

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Night Owl Bowling
10:00 p.m.
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March 11-13	Lil Sib's Weekend
Mar. 11	Titan Tavern
Mar.12	Night Owl Bowling
Apr. 2	Night Owl Bowling
Apr. 8	Titan Tavern
Apr.16	Relay for Life
Apr.16	Night Owl Bowling
Apr.22	Titan Tavern
Apr.23	Sing n Swing
Apr.30	Volley Rock

Features

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

What are you thinking about?

Laura Zorch
Feature Editor

My roommate proclaimed today that she only thinks about three things: clothes, money, and her boyfriend. "That's funny," I thought. But I got to pondering about what is regularly running through my head, and realized I could also classify the majority of my thoughts in to three categories: food, exercise, and music. Let me explain.

First off, these are not the only thoughts I have throughout the day. These are just the things my mind wanders to when I'm daydreaming and avoiding doing things of the productive nature. I have deeper thoughts. Sometimes I am trying to solve world hunger, other times I am walking down the aisle with Justin Timberlake. Same difference.

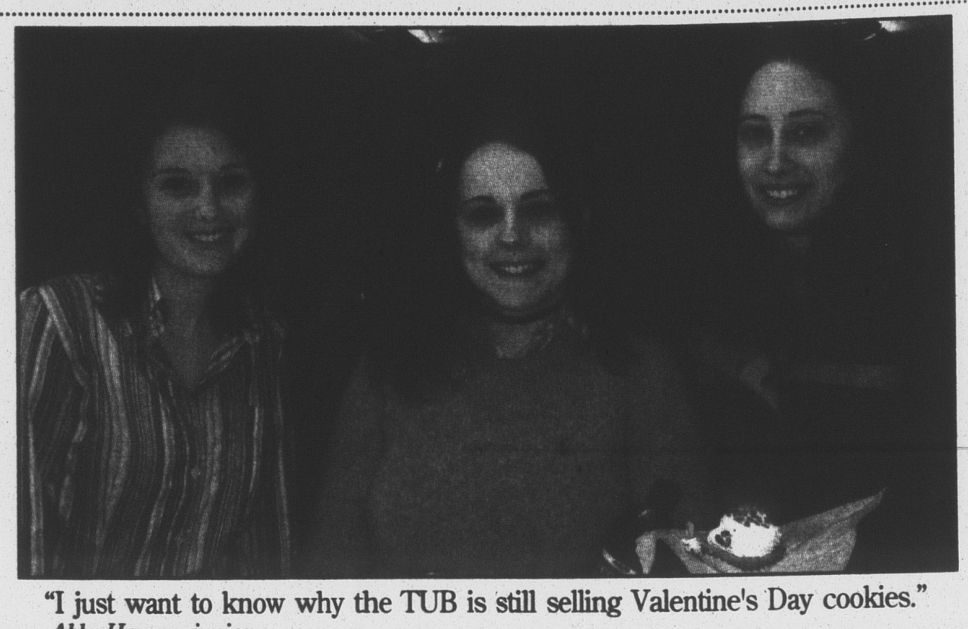
Food: I am constantly hungry. I could eat 97 pies, and still search for cookies immediately following the gorge fest. While I'm at school, I am always counting down the days until the cafeteria serves pierogies (not the TUB pierogies, those are all kinds of gross). This makes me pathetic. I'm cool with that.

Exercise: This usually happens during class. "I could be running miles right now, instead of sitting here, wasting my time!" Would I actually be running miles if I weren't in class? Of course not! But it's the principle of the matter: I could be.

Music: My mind is often the soundtrack of my day. I always have a song in my head. And sometimes it is appropriate for what I am doing at that moment. For example, while writing a paper, my brain pumps 'Eye of the Tiger' at full volume. Ok, so that hasn't ever happened. But man, wouldn't that be sweet?

Look at the person next to you. Ten dollars says that that person is thinking about something totally asinine while the theme from Super Mario Bros plays in the recesses of his or her mind. Perhaps, perhaps.

Laura Zorch is a junior public relations and art double major. She is a champion of cookie consuming and donut devouring. Her future aspirations include marrying for money and cat herding.



"I just want to know why the TUB is still selling Valentine's Day cookies."
-Abby Harvey, junior

"I don't want to go back to class."
-Abby Ball, junior

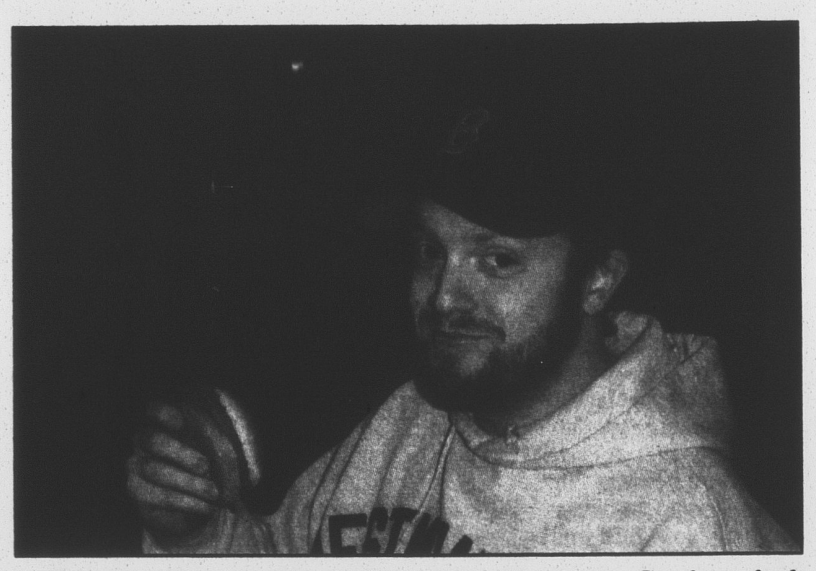
"I just want to eat my cookie."
-Amy Watson, junior

"How pointless math perspectives is."

-Marie Gott, sophomore

"How I'm glad that I don't have Theory today."

-Alyssa Schomaker, sophomore



"I can't wait to eat this chicken patty with cheese. I've been looking forward to it all day."
-Brian Andrews, senior

Political Pong

Is Bush's new Social Security plan really all that 'secure'?

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Like most college students, I do not yet qualify for social security. But someday, I will. And believe me, after over forty years of paying into the system, I'm going to want my check on time and ready to cash so I can go play bingo and the lottery.

But with the current system, social security checks might be displayed in a museum of "things the government screwed up."

That's right, at the current rate, our social security funds will dry up quicker than my bank account after spring break.

So what can we do to fix it, to make sure that you and I can be guaranteed our god-given right to yell "Bingo!" every week?

Well, my friends, in typical fashion, the Republicans have come up with a solution. And in typical fashion, all the Democrats can do is complain about it, yet offer no alternative.

President Bush has made Social Security his first major issue of his second term, and he's certainly come out swinging. He has a good reason for doing so: by 2018, the government will be paying out more than it receives for social security benefits.

Our generation will only be 35! I refuse to be a Wal-Mart greeter to pay my bills in my twilight years, so I'm open to what George has to say.

In his plan, President Bush proposes one sweeping and controversial change. The government would allow today's workers to take part of their payroll taxes (which funds social security) and put it into a personal retirement account.

A person earning $35,000 a year could save up to $250,000 dollars by the time of retirement, a lot more than what you could get from social security alone.

Democrats argue that this would hurt the current recipients and cut their benefits, but Bush promises that these changes will not affect the benefits of anyone born before 1950 (which is pretty much everyone now receiving social security).

Bush and his administrators also want to guarantee that the money saved goes for what it's intended for, retirement. They do not want workers to spend the money on personal luxuries, such as a car, or in my case, Sheetz hoagies.

This money also gives retirees the opportunity to pass some of this money on to their family. Isn't that nice, you can actually take some of your hard-earned money and pass it on to those you love, not to those who are mooching off the system and don't deserve it.

And what exactly would the Democrats like to do? Raise taxes of course!! I swear the only thing Democrats know how to do is raise taxes and complain about the "right wing conspiracy".

Oh yes, we're secretly forcing you to come up with vague and uncommitted policies. But I'm going off-topic.

Point is, with Bush's plan you (yes, you the college student) get to finally take some money back from the government, all while securing your social security and saving up for your future children's sake.

If not, prepare for more money to be taken out of your paycheck to temporarily solve a permanent problem.

Jessica Rummel (aka right-wing nutjob) is a senior political science major. She is President of SGA, College Republicans, and is probably going straight to hell.

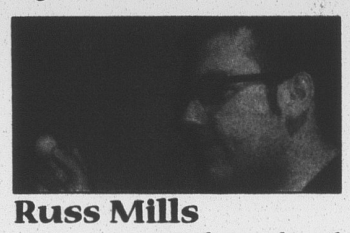
I have a question for all you political junkies out there. When you are old and on you walker with your false teeth falling out, do you want to have to go to work just to pay the bills?

Well, I guess the answer is no. Which is why I think that Bush's Social Security Privitazaion plan it is possibly the worst idea he has ever had (well besides Iraq, No Child Left Behind, the amendment for banning same sex marriages, etc.).

If you listen to the Bush Administrations' projections, social security will be in the red by 2018 with all the money gone in 2042. Many Democrats and Republicans say that these are exaggerations and that Social Security should be solvent 2082. This so-called crisis is merely a smoke screen to Bush's real motive: the privatization of Social Security.

President Bush's wonderful solution is to give people the right to invest their Social Security in stocks and bonds to earn a higher rate of return. Now while this may seem like a good idea on the outside, (having control over your retirement and future) there are many drawbacks to this plan.

First of all, to privatize Social Security, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that it will cost $1 trillion dollars. With the current financial situation that ol' W has put us in, I can't see us affording that kind of money. Maybe if George had thought of this before sinking over $200 billion into Iraq, we might be able to do it.



Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

The other drawback of this plan it that benefits to those collecting will actually decrease. President Bush's Social Security Task Force acknowledged that painful cuts would be necessary in order to avoid a long-term financial crisis for Social Security.

I don't think President Bush cares too much about the benefits that you or I will collect. The real interest that he has is big business.

He wants us to take our guaranteed safety net and place it in the stocks of business to help stimulate the economy. What kind of President is willing to risk the welfare of the people to help his business friends? Moral President, huh?

Well for all you Democrats, who I have enraged, don't fret. Most Republicans and all Democrats in the House and Senate are opposed to the plan and do not think there is a crisis.

Also very few Americans (13% in a Gallup poll done last week) identify Social Security as a crisis. Once again, this shows how out of touch President Bush is with the concerns of the American people.

I feel a more viable option would be to raise the retirement age to 70. President Clinton suggested this when he was president.

I thought it was a good idea then and I still do.

The fact is Americans are living longer now than at any other time in our history and it makes sense to have people work longer before collecting benefits.

This seems like a more feasible option than privatization and putting even more money in the hands of the suddenly financially irresponsible Bushies.

Russ Mills is a senior political science major and is Vice President of SGA. He enjoys watching the Woodstock movie, while wearing his Birkenstocks, playing on his Apple computer and drinking Starbucks coffee.

Grubbin' with Greg

There's more to the Crane Room than Corona and margaritas

Greg Smith
Grubbin' with Greg

When someone says the magic words "Crane Room" what comes to mind? Perhaps Budweiser, Heineken, Miller Lite, Pina Coldas, Margaritas, or Jagerbombs jump into your head.

Maybe some of you regard the Crane Room as a modern bar where you can spend some time hanging out with your friends over cocktails during Happy Hour.

I'm willing to bet that most of you don't think of the Crane Room as place to grab a quick and delicious bite to eat. That's why this week I decided to explore one of the other services offered by the Crane Room, Food!

First things first, if you've never visited the Crane Room then you're missing one of the few unique experiences that the local area has to offer.

The atmosphere at the Crane Room is what you would expect to find at a modern Restaurant/Bar in a large city. The tabletops are a shiny metallic material, the décor is reminiscent of industrial steel art, the music is up to date, and not to mention they offer some excellent Happy Hour Specials!

Ok, but seriously the Crane Room does offer some excellent items that can't be found on the beer or mixed drink menus.

Actually they offer a wide variety of different types of items ranging from specialty salads, to specialty sandwiches, to pastas, to seafood.

When I say specialty items I mean that the items on the menu are not like that of any other menu you've ordered off of before. I'm not saying that they don't offer staple items such as burgers, fish sandwiches, and Chicken Alfredo.

However, if you have enough courage to break away from conventional items your taste buds will be in for a real treat.

If you need to get a feel for the waters before diving into the unknown culinary territory then may I suggest starting out with an appetizer of buffalo chicken wings because they are seriously better than Quaker Steak n' Lubes wings (I know I didn't think that this was possible either, but it is.)

Once you get your taste buds warmed up it's time to move on to the main course. Let me just warn you now that the Crane Room serves up a wickedly delightful meal that makes you mouth salivate and your tummy to say "Oh yeah".

The overall experience that is provided by the Crane Room really is unique for this area.

It is a modern type of bar that caters to the college community in many different facets. They serve up some delicious grub and some awesome drink specials at reasonable prices. It's an entirely different change of pace compared to the traditional feel of New Wilmington.

This is why I think that the Crane Room deserves 3.5 out of 4 Twinkies.

Until next week, keep on grubbin'.

Greg Smith is a senior political science major. He is President of the College Democrats, Treasurer of SGA, and co-founder of the Fatty Club.

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The Thompson House, where the alumni office is currently located, may become a home for female students in the future.

Home sweet home?

Thompson House may transform into female dormitory

By Kelly Mayhue
Campus Writer

The college has more than one residence hall plan in development. One of the next projects the college is considering is a renovation of Thompson House for female occupation.

"We're still in the exploratory stage, but we're pretty confident it's going to go through," said Ken Romig, vice president of finance and management.

The budget for the project hovers around half of a million dollars. Romig said that the only thing negatively affecting the renovation plans deals in an expensive refurbishing of the building's exterior. Although the interior is in fairly good shape, it's difficult to gauge how much deterioration is under outside paint.

"Thompson House could be pretty interesting because we don't know what we're getting into," Romig said.

Ronin added that another problem concerns the college straddling historic regulations and keeping up the current building code.

Romig said that the plan hopes to keep Thompson House in close to original frame. "We want to do whatever best preserves the character of the house," he said.

Ronig also realizes that the building must be made workable for students. This includes a revamping to include the installation of sprinklers, a new fire escape and a general update to the bathrooms.

"We're excited about the project. We think it's an excellent opportunity to restore a beautiful building," he said.

Molly Mistretta, associate dean of student affairs, agreed that it sounded like a good opportunity.

Others, however, aren't as happy with the possible project, since it will require the alumni

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Paine reporting for duty in Iraq

By Jaycie Galbraith
Campus Writer

While most students busy themselves with studying for midterms, transfer sophomore Ben Paine prepares to leave his family, friends and life behind to fight for his country in Iraq.

Paine received an official phone call on Valentine's Day confirming his order to head to Iraq. He will leave for Mississippi around March 11 and stay there anywhere from one to three months. From there, he'll follow complete a month of training in Calif. and then fly to Kuwait before entering Iraq.

"Very few times in a man's life does he get the opportunity to fight for what he believes in," Paine said. "I've been given a unique opportunity to go to Iraq and stand up for something... be a part of history," he added.

Paine enlisted during his senior year of high school in Calimesa, Calif. and has gone through basic and infantry training. He is part of a Stryker unit, which means he trains more than the average infantry unit- two weekends a month.

"I have a whack sense of pride. I just wanted to serve my country," Paine said. "It's something I've always wanted to do, ever since I was really little."

"Very few times in a man's life does he get the opportunity to fight for what he believes in. I've been given a unique opportunity to go to Iraq and stand up for something... be a part of history."
-Ben Paine, sophomore

Paine spent the past two years at the University of La Verne, California where he played volleyball. After transferring schools, Paine made the leap from the California National Guard to the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Paine did have reasons for moving East - he missed his high school graduation because of Army training and following his younger brother, Josh Paine, a first-year student seemed like a logical choice, The two played football in the fall and are roommates in Eichenauer.

"I'm proud of him," J. Paine said. "I know he's been talking about it for awhile, and we knew it was something that

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Photo by Lindsey Robertson

Prepare to be Tartuffed!

Seniors Rich Marmura, Megan Sigler, Kauleen Cloutier and sophomore Amber Scalfari perform a scene from Theater Westminster's production of Tartuffe, which will be showing Friday-Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday at 2:30 in Beeghly Theater. According to director Eileen Hendrickson, the play is a comedic tale of deception, seduction and hypocrisy. For the full story, see page A-4.

Campus remembers reality TV star

By Sherri Slafka
Campus Writer

Esquire magazine readers voted her the "sexiest Survivor," and this Westminster alumna is back on the reality circuit, starring in "The Amazing Race" this season.

Amber Brkich graduated in 2000 with a major in public relations. She is a sister of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, verified by AGD's current President Amanda Hauger.

One sorority sister, Lauren Zeller, who graduated a year after Brkich, gave insight into Amber and her experiences at the college.

"Her position in the sorority helped her with leadership, which also helped her on 'Survivor.' When she speaks about Westminster, it's all good things, and she's gotten as far as she did because of her experiences there," said Zeller, "Overall, Amber is just a very down to earth, nice, sweet girl."

Brkich may fondly remember her college days, and at the same time her college fondly remembers her. A number of her former professors were more than happy to talk about her.

"I think it's pretty clear that she comes from a strong and supportive family, and I'd imagine that the flexibility of her liberal arts education has allowed her to take the chances she has taken," said Dr. James Perkins of the English and public relations department.

Contributed photo

Survivor all-star Amber Brkrich, who is now starring in "The Amazing Race" this season, got her first taste of the outdoors on a travel seminar to the Galapagos Islands with Dr. Joseph Balczon when she was a student at Westminster.

Biology professor Dr. Joseph Balczon took Brkich on a travel seminar to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. "She was a very good student in the course, and an enthusiastic participant," Balczon said. She seemed to be truly fascinated by the various plants and animals that we saw on the trip, and I believe she really enjoyed visiting with the indigenous peoples of Ecuador. Amber was a very bright, articulate, and pleasant person."

Another professor also remembers when Brkich took the trip to the Galapagos Islands.

"One of the experiences that changed her life at Westminster was a trip to the Galapagos. When she returned, she

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Hooves of fury: Student's car wrecked in buggy accident

By Bryan Peck
Staff Writer

New Wilmington is a place where nothing unusual happens. However, on February 26, junior Jaci Sabolski had an encounter that was anything but normal.

"I was driving back from Giant Eagle and I turned right onto Beechwood Ave," Sabolski said. "All of a sudden, something shatters my driver side window. I thought a tree fell but then I see a buggy and an Amish lady falling out of it."

The accident, as it turned out, was neither the fault of the Amish woman nor Sabolski. The horse that was pulling the buggy went out of control and kicked Sabolski's car as she turned the corner near the Veezy House.

After the Amish woman, named Lucinda Byler, fell out of the buggy, she became pinned under one of the wheels.

Byler walked away from the accident with minor injuries. Sabolski, while shaken by the whole ordeal, was uninjured. Her car, however, is another matter.

"I pulled into the Veezy House since my car was still

"All of a sudden, something shatters my driver side window. Then I see a buggy and an Amish lady falling out of it."
-Jaci Sabolski, junior

drivable, but the door was so smashed I couldn't get out.... so I crawled out the passenger door," Sabolski said.

While the humans involved in the accident are okay, the condition of the horse is unknown. Sabolski was unable to see what happened to the animal after the collision.

However, while the accident was technically the horse's fault, it probably will not be held responsible.

Sabolski, who had only left for a quick run to the store, handled the whole ordeal as well as could be expected.

"I stopped and saw the horse going nuts. I went nuts too, screamed like crazy. Anything a typical freaked out girl would do." Sabolski said.

"I thought it was just going to be a quick run to giant eagle on a normal Saturday night. Incorrect."

Opinion

Rant & Rave

If we don't get heat or the fireplace turned on, can we please get a Zambonie to ice the dance floor?

Rave

My posse is awesome. Everybody should have one.

Mud wrestling is definitely a spectator sport.

Help! I'm a turtle and I can't get up!

Your mom goes to college.

We're here for a good time, not a long time.

Is that right, Rambo?

Would you look at that? More snow.

Why didn't you come to my poetry reading?

I can't get this stupid black paint off of my hands.

There's beauty in the breakdown.

Turpulik!

I am addicted to the late night menu!!

Bye, Bye, Bye! (choreography included)

I get all the news I need from the weather report.

Got me? I'll do your body good.

My stars...

I have to pay for my cap and gown? What am I supposed to to with it after graduation... wear it to costume parties?

Pledges are people, too.

No, they're not.

A heart is not a play thing, it's most certainly not a toy. But if you want it broken, just give it to a boy.

Why can't people just accept my divine right and let me be in charge of things?

I got mail!

Is it sad when a boy has nicer handwriting than most girls?

It's March already!

Spring break, where are you?

Oops, I did it again.

Love is dangerous.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Righting wrongs and finding real potential

By Sandy Edmiston
Staff Writer

When Kathryn and I originally sat down to write our article last week, our intent was to rile people up. Be their responses angry or delighted, what we sought after was just that: response. I forgot one thing in pursuing such ambitions, however.

I hate having people mad at me, letting people down, hurting those who I admire and appreciate or simply just enjoy.

And as a professor reminded me this week, "The words just stay there, after you've flung them; they develop a life of their own." Once my words were out there, I began to fear the life that I had given to them. I know Kathryn and I both felt a bit uneasy after we had initially cast our own thoughts into black so bold upon the grey of the Holcad's pages.

I think what worries me most about our article was that our real mistake was in oversimplifying. When we complained about student apathy, we didn't make it clear that we see many hard-working, caring individuals out there. When we bemoaned our professors' lack of enthusiasm, we forgot to mention the names of the many professors who do keep us awake at night. When we questioned the support of various staff and administration, we didn't give notice to those who know our names, desire us to receive worthwhile educations, and who hold our causes and our energy in their hearts.

After the article was printed, I thought to myself, "What if the biology major who wants to work on global health issues when she graduates, or the English professor who can barely speak at times because of his or her reverence for the written word, or the staff member who lets me store all my Sierra Club stuff in her office were to read this, think I meant them, and be disheartened? What if the students who started the Frisbee Club, the head editor of Scrawl who has put so much energy into her work, or the RD who wants to ensure that each and every student in her building has a beautiful, fun first year were to read this, and wonder if their efforts were all in vain?" To those of you who truly do put your all into everything you do, I apologize and praise you. I'll bake you all cookies or something, I swear.

There's another thing about those flung words living their own lives, however. Sometimes you realize when you see your words in print how true they really are, how much you really believe them.

The college's marketing strategy. The more I think about it, the angrier I get. I consider it an insult to the very education that I have received here. In business classes, in marketing classes, political science, sociology, any class, we learn that ethics always conquer the bottom line, or should if your endeavors are going to be worthwhile pursuits.

How many times did Inquiry raise the point that one of the most disheartening aspects of our modern society is the focus on quantity versus quality, how much you can sell or do or say rather than the worth of such enterprises?

Here at Westminster I have been taught eloquently, criticized justly, and nurtured into caring. Dear administration, please, please, please don't make me have to doubt the very effectiveness or worth of the education I so cherish!

A college should be a place where what we learn in the classroom should be applied to the institution itself as a whole-in ethics, in marketing, in environmental issues, in social and gender equality, in everyway! A college should serve as a microcosm of the very finest aspects of a society. Otherwise, I am certain such an institution is failing at a fundamental level to do its job properly, with dire consequences to the society its students feed into.

Why not let the minds this institution has parented and cultivated be the minds who promote and sell it?

Here's a suggestion: Why don't you let the business, PR, marketing, and any other relevant capstones be the ones to redesign our marketing strategy, along with the help of professors who have devoted their lives (hopefully) to doing such things both effectively and ethically? Why not let the minds this institution has parented and cultivated be the minds who promote and sell it? Such an action would show faith, both in your students and in your ways and means of operating as an institution. It would show you believe that those students who call you alma mater will strongly build a valuable niche for themselves in a society badly in need of something real, solid, and ethical.

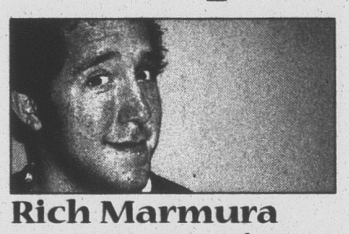
To those of you who are promoting this new marketing strategy, I want some honest answers. I don't want you to tell me your plan is effective. I don't want you to tell me that students, ages 13-17, are attracted by it. I don't want you to tell me that it will be "friendly" and that people can "call this place home."

I want you to tell me that it will make this institution the best place it can be, that when I come back in 10, 20, and 30 years, it will be far better than when I left it, that when I tell people I went here, they will know that this place did something good in the world rather than just wasting space. I want you to tell me that the people who call this place home will call it so with pride and passion.

This week has certainly been one of reflection, one in which as most of my complaints from the past week unraveled, the more I realized just how much potential this place has. Shame on you, if you don't market that potential as it is, instead of turning it into something that it certainly is not and should not ever desire to be.

And please don't attack my article with a "Question of the Week" on the website. Write a letter to the editor or something a bit more adult, please.

Put things into perspective: Another lesson in life



Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

John White was funny kid. I met him when I was a junior in High School, I was a Life Scout and he was half way through 5th grade just and had just "crossed-over" from Cub Scouts to join Boy Scouts, my troop, Troop 905.

I remember him best as a little chubby kid, with the Harry Potter-ish curly black hair and one of those smiles that looked goofy and genuine at the same time. He was prone to fooling around, but when you worked with him you really couldn't get that mad at him; he was just one of those people who made you shake your head and smile at the same time.

When he first joined the troop, John was quiet and quite shy. He quickly overcame his shyness finding common ground with other Scouts his own age; from Pokemon to Dragon Ball Z and what have you.

I remember trying to mentor him and help him come out of his shell. We worked on knots, wood carving, building camp fires and a lot more. He quickly became accustomed to his new surroundings and started to have a lot of fun; after all what 11 year old wouldn't like rock climbing, camping and playing around a camp fire with his friends?

I went back to visit our Troop at the end of last summer before school began and surprised at how much time had apparently passed and changed what I had known.

Gone was the shy, awkward little kid I had known and in his place was a far more confident young man, helping those younger scouts who had once been in his position.

I haven't been back to a meeting of Troop 905 since that time. And when I was home two weekends ago, preparing for a graduate school interview my mother mentioned "John White, from Scouts, he's pretty sick. It'd probably be a good idea to say a prayer for him." I was floored, to say the least and almost immediately asked for Gods help.

Then this week I got a phone call from my mother saying that John had passed away early that morning at home, surrounded by his family and loved ones. It felt like someone had punched me in the stomach and hit me across the face all at the same time. I was a mess.

John was a good kid. He had great parents, great friends and was just another 17 year old high school guy. He had thoughts of college, life beyond Coraopolis PA and more.

He was young and had never done anything to anyone. He didn't deserve this. His family didn't deserve this. And yet he was gone.

Now, I am not a Biblical scholar and won't even attempt to explain why "bad things happen to good people" or why "innocent people need to suffer" or even why "shit like this happens".

I really can't think about that right now; right now I just feel kind of numb. All I keep thinking is "Why?"

At this point, I am trying to simply remember the good. I pulled out a scrap book and found a section with picture from my time Troop 905.

And sure thing there were pictures of John. Pictures of him and a group of his fellow Scouts pointing excitedly towards a large bonfire they had built. There was another of him sticking his tongue out at the camera after a very long and very cold back-packing trip. "This is how I will remember him" I told myself "kind, funny and a little larger than life".

Now, I write this article as a sort of tribute to John. He was many things to many people and he will not be forgotten.

If we are to learn anything from this, we should learn to put things in perspective. Just ten minutes before I heard the news of his passing, I was worrying about graduate school and how I was going to squeeze in time for dinner between rehearsal and work.

After the news, things seemed slightly less important or stressful. It's a shame that it took the death of my friend to make me realize this.

In the end, please take time and appreciate the opportunities and chances that we all have and we all take for granted.

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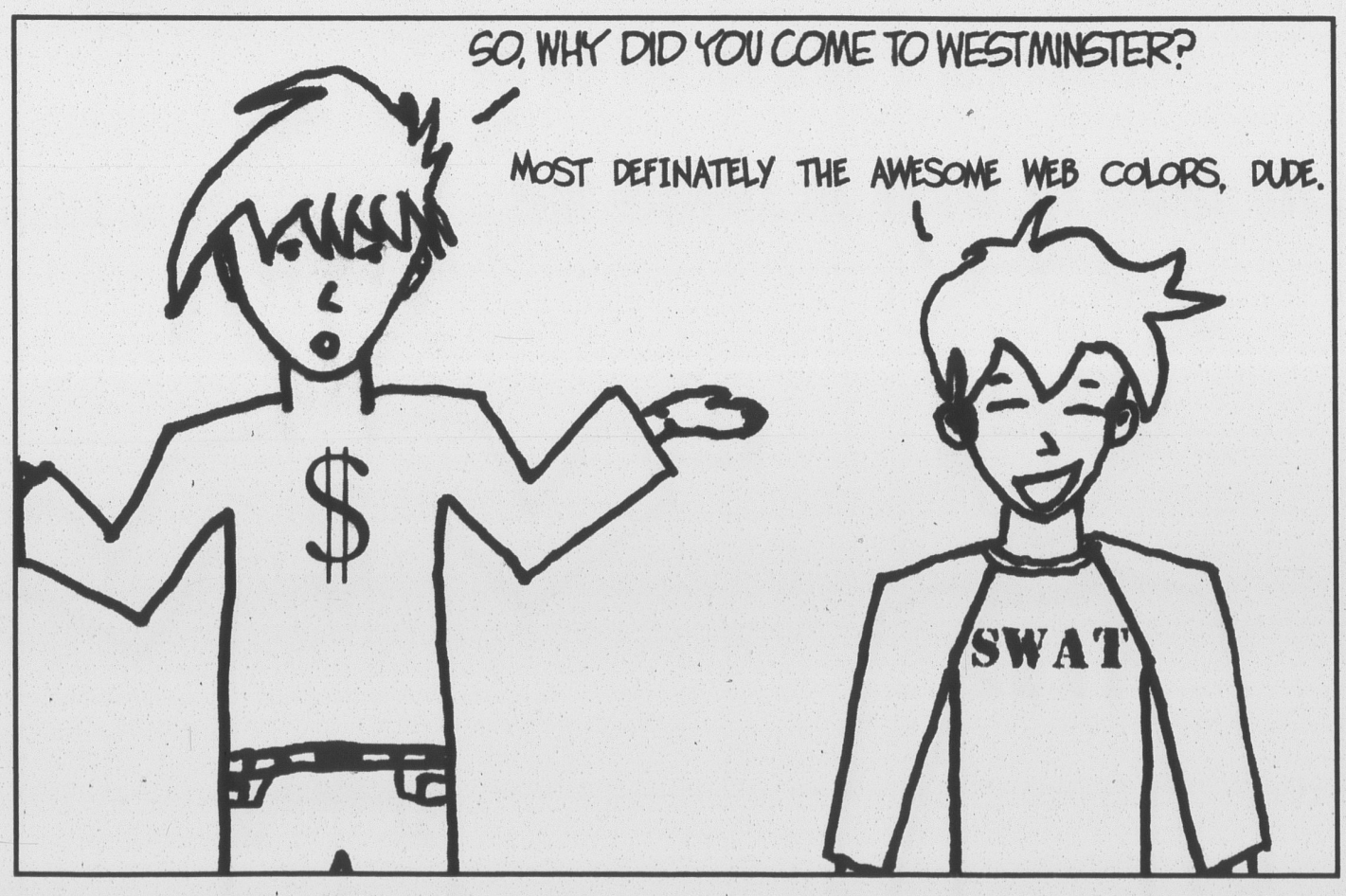

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Outside the Bubble

NATIONAL

Greenspan urges action on Social Security and Medicare

By David Espo
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan prodded Congress on Wednesday to curtail the cost of health and retirement benefits promised to baby boomers "sooner rather than later," giving a fresh boost to President Bush's embattled call for personal accounts under Social Security.

"We owe future retirees as much time as possible to adjust their plans for work, saving, and retirement spending," Greenspan said, suggesting an urgency that dovetails with Bush's call for action this year on Social Security before its financial situation worsens.

The Fed chairman made his remarks as the White House signaled a new determination to push for Social Security legislation this year and fresh flexibility on the details of any bill. Treasury Secretary John Snow told reporters that while Bush continues to favor personal accounts funded with payroll taxes, the administration is open to "add-on" accounts established outside traditional Social Security. "I think right now, the more ideas, the better," he said.

Snow also said the administration was launching a 60-day nationwide blitz to raise the profile of Bush's signature second-term domestic issue. He said he, the president and Vice President Dick Cheney will be in 29 states over the next two months.

Bush has traveled to eight states since his State of the Union address a month ago, with six more on his itinerary by the end of next week.

While Greenspan said Congress should move quickly to consider possible benefit cuts for Social Security and Medicare, he urged, as he has before, a go-slow approach to setting up Bush's proposed private accounts.

Republicans are struggling to build momentum behind the drive to remake the Depression-era program. Bush has called for legislation that would put Social Security on a stable financial foundation, at the same time giving individuals the ability to divert a portion of their payroll taxes into personal accounts.

Congressional Democrats are virtually unanimous in their opposition, arguing the president wants to cut Social Security benefits to pay for privatization. Some Republicans are skittish about tackling the issue, as well, fearing the political repercussions of making such fundamental changes in a program that benefits 54 million Americans.

Republicans just back from a week sampling opinion in home states said they sometimes encountered organized opposition at town hall meetings. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and House Majority Leader Tom DeLay both raised the possibility that final action on a bill may not be possible this year.

DeLay also criticized the AARP, which claims a membership of 35 million people 50 and over and opposes the central tenet of Bush's proposal. The Texan said it was "incredibly irresponsible of AARP to be against a solution that hasn't been written yet," and he accused the group of hypocrisy for selling its own mutual funds to its members.

In reply, AARP spokesman David Certner said the organization was opposed to "the central notion of trying to improve Social Security solvency by taking money out of Social Security. Even the administration has acknowledged that taking money out of Social Security does nothing to solve the solvency problem."

Under Bush's plan, there would be no change for current retirees or workers age 55 and older. Younger Americans could divert a portion of their payroll taxes into personal accounts, to be invested in a limited selection of mutual funds of varying risk. In exchange, the guaranteed government benefit would be cut for these workers when they retire.

Even workers who decline the voluntary accounts would receive a reduced government benefit, according to congressional Republican officials who have been briefed by administration experts.

INTERNATIONAL

Terrorists based in Syria blamed for suicide attack in Tel Aviv, Isreal

By Anne Gearan
AP Diplomatic Writer

LONDON (AP) - The Bush administration is applying its strongest pressure to date on Syria, insisting on an immediate withdrawal from neighboring Lebanon and blaming terrorists based in Syria for last week's deadly suicide attack in Israel.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Syria is "out of step" with growing desire for democracy in the Middle East.

International resolve is firm that Syria must no longer hold political and military control over its smaller neighbor, Rice said Tuesday.

Rice was in London for an international conference on Palestinian security and government reform, which the Bush administration has called a building block for wider democratic change in the region.

On the issue of Iran's nuclear program, Rice indicated that the administration was working with European leaders on a plan to offer Iran economic incentives in exchange for abandoning its nuclear ambitions.

The United States has accused Iran of developing nuclear weapons, a charge Tehran denies.

"We are designing, I think, an important common strategy with Europe so that Iran knows there is no other way," Rice said in a brief interview aired Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show.

Until recently, the Bush administration has opposed any rewards for Tehran's cooperation.

But during the president's trip overseas last week, European leaders urged him to join them in offering incentives such as possible membership at some time for Iran in the World Trade Organization.

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Campus News

Tartuffe opens this weekend

Seven seniors bid farewell to Beeghly stage in Theater Westminster comedy

By Kristan Kohley
Campus Writer

Comedy, hypocrisy, controversy…sounds like the makings of an action-packed movie, right? Wrong! These are only a few of the words used to describe Theater Westminster's production of Tartuffe, playing March 3-6 at Beeghly Theater.

Tartuffe, written by Moliere, is about a hypocrite who poses as a holy man in an attempt to gain access to a family's fortunes and status. Moliere, a social critic, was known for addressing serious situations in a humorous way. This versatility was particularly attractive to the theater department staff, who likes to explore different themes for their shows.

Director, Eileen Hendrickson, is particularly excited about this production: "I thought it would be a great experience for [the students] to do Tartuffe…it is also my debut as a Moliere director!"

This production is very important to several, senior cast members because it marks their last acting experience at Westminster.

All major roles are held by seniors, who are "a very close-knit, creative group" says Hendrickson. Senior Will Stover, who plays Tartuffe, said the best part about acting in this show is "working one last time with all my friends…this cast shares a lot of emotional camaraderie."

Senior Kauleen Cloutier is also delighted at this opportunity. "The majority of us have grown together over the past few years, so we feel very fortunate to be able to perform together again."

Tartuffe, full of rich characters and comedic situations, is known in the theater world for its variety of portrayals. Hendrickson quoted New York Times critic Walter Kerr, "If you've seen one Tartuffe, you've only seen one Tartuffe!"

While Hendrickson is experimenting with different ways to direct this production, several students are enjoying new experiences with roles they are playing.

Senior Megan Sigler, who plays the matronly Madame Pernelle, is having fun playing an older woman: "I like playing this role because its something different for me. I've never played an old lady before, so it's a challenge."

Senior Bob Allen is also experimenting with his role as the straight man. "My character is the voice of reason…he's the guy no one listens to because then the play wouldn't be funny."

Stover responded strongly when asked if he had ever played a part like this one: "absolutely not…this role is the first villain I have ever played."

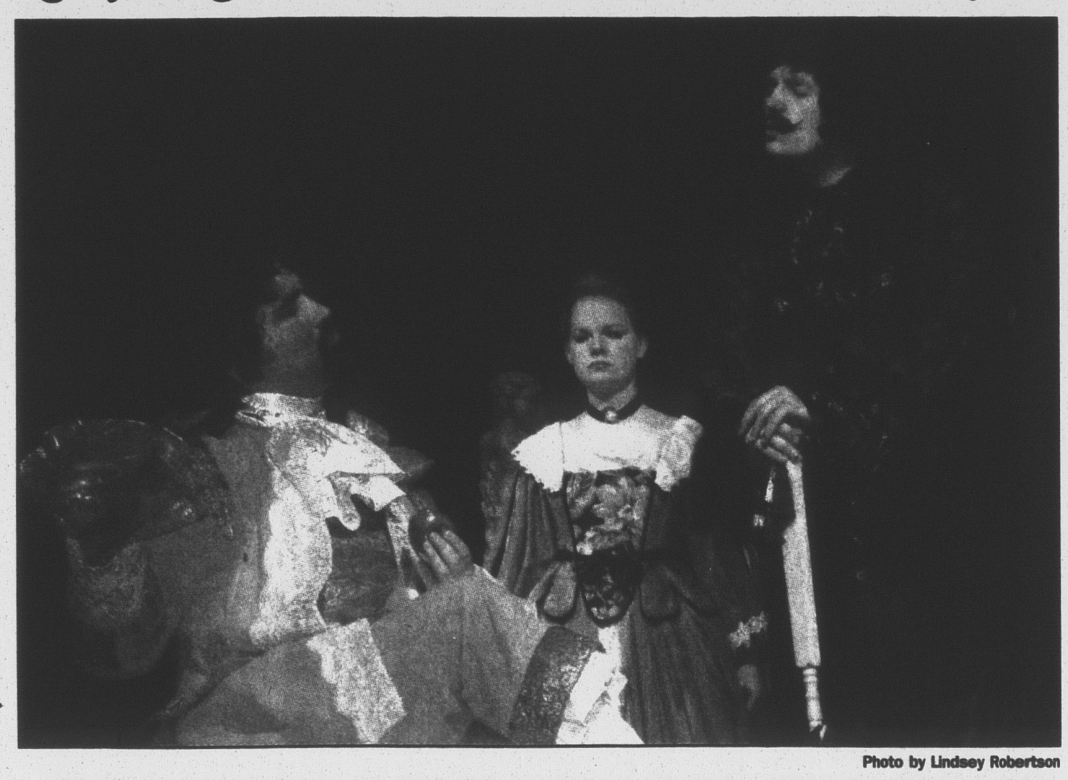

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

Will Stover, Rachael Mellor and Bob Allen are three of the seven seniors who will be performing in their last Beeghly stage production this weekend on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Auditions for Tartuffe were supervised by Hendrickson, who was looking for people possessing similar qualities to those of the characters in the play.

She is very confident in the group of actors chosen for the production: "The directing-acting process is very fluid. The actors and myself have developed very open communication with each other throughout this process and it has been very fun."

Tartuffe plays at Beeghly Theater from March 3-5 with a curtain time of 7:30 p.m. The Sunday matinee on March 6th will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Westminster students have one ticket reserved, while staff can reserve two tickets. Tickets for the non-college audience will be sold at $7 for adults and $5 for students. To reserve tickets, call the box office at extension 7241.

Thompson

Alumni office may turn into female dorm

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relations office currently located in the Thompson House to move elsewhere.

Romig said the project has "been on the college radar for quite some time."

But alumni office workers said they found the information off a printout during the latest board meeting.

Katherine Willey, a student employee at the alumni office, said that the office is concerned with where it will now be moved.

It was potentially going to be moved underneath Russell Hall. However, on Thursday, March 3, President R. Thomas Williamson confirmed at the all-campus strategic meeting that the office will move into the yellow house by Eichenauer.

"It's in great shape, and it's ready to go," he said.

Wiley does not feel that moving the office is the best decision. "I wouldn't be happy with a new location because it would most likely cut us off further from the campus and the office we report to in Old Main," Wiley said.

The college is having the current architect of the Old Main project.

The project would be funded by fund-raising and debt which would be paid partly by future residents of Thompson House.

The college hopes to have the project completed in time for the fall semester of 2006.

Blood drive brings 120 donors, exceeds goal

By Sean Henderson
Campus Writer

For one afternoon, a number of students, faculty, college staff and community volunteers rolled up their sleeves donating blood to save lives.

On Thursday, Feb. 24,the Greater Alleghenies Region of the Red Cross came for a blood drive held in the Berlin Student Lounge. The goal of the drive hoped to boast at least 85 units of blood. To achieve the goal, they'd need more than 105 arms.

According to Beth Brooks, executive director of student affairs, the campus exceeded that goal. The Red Cross collected blood from more than 120 volunteers from the college and the community abroad. In fact, the final 14 people to sign up were actually put on standby- in case there weren't enough people to donate.

Photo by Johnny Johnston

AJ Fikejs and Curtis Yenyo donate their blood at the American Red Cross drive last Thursday.

Paine

Student leaves for Iraq

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could happen. I don't want to take the little time I have left with him for granted," he added.

B. Paine actually had a wellness course with his brother until he found out he was leaving. The two had similar schedules, which left them time in the evenings to hang out together.

J. Paine, a public relations major, shares his brother's passion and has always wanted to be in the U.S. Army.

His asthma is the only thing that prevents him from enlisting and joining the Marines.

"It's definitely going to be weird. Ben left at the end of my senior year to go to basic training and I noticed a big difference in how I was acting," J. Paine said.

"If I ever had a problem I would always go to Ben. It's going to be awkward at first," he added.

For the past six generations, a member of the Paine family has been involved in the conflict, at least since the Civil War.

Getting ready to go to Iraq has really put things in perspective for B. Paine.

"The hardest thing was that I had to get my will together this week," B. Paine said.

"I'll miss being able to choose what to eat at lunch. Just the simple things, like being able to wear a bright orange shirt, or shaving; things people take for granted," he added.

"I'm proud of him. I don't want to take the little time I have left with him for granted."

-Josh Paine, junior

B. Paine, a sociology major, was originally enrolled in four courses this semester. After learning he would be leaving midsemester, he stopped going to class and began filling out paperwork and getting things arranged to go.

B. Paine was currently taking a level 200 with Milagros Swerdlow, lecturer of modern languages. Swerdlow speaks candidly on B. Paine's ethical performance.

"That first week or so, he came to class with a bright smile, and a very good attitude. I thought he would add a great deal to the class's atmosphere," Swerdlow said.

"He's a very approachable young man. It makes me sad to see him go to Iraq. I wish the very best for him, and I hope to see him in Spanish classes when he returns."

"Another reason I want to go to Iraq is now I can be 'that guy,'" B. Paine said.

"I can say that I have fought for my country, put my life on the line for freedom and liberty, and can hold my head high in the company of cowards...knowing solely that I have served my country in its time of need."

Reality Star

Campus remembers alumna Amber Brkich

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talked about it with such marvel that I knew she would be traveling more in her future. Of course, I never banked on the 'Survivor' twist," said Dr. David Swerdlow, of the English and public relations department.

Swerdlow had a lot of insight about Brkich since he had her as a student and then babysitter for his children.

"Amber was a fabulous student. She was the kind of student who was never shy about asking a question. Her enthusiasm was infectious," Swerdlow said.

"Because of her pleasant energy, I asked her to baby-sit my children, which she did regularly. My kids loved her because she was warm, cheerful, and genuine."

Looking back at Brkich's performance in his class, Dr. David Barner, Chair of the Communications Studies, Theatre, and Art Department, said the following: "I had her for a Broadcast Sales class and I remember her being personable and well prepared. She took the class as an elective which indicates an interest in persuasion. She was a good presenter."

Besides winning one million dollars on the "Survivor" show, Brkich also won the heart of Rob Mariano. He proposed to her live on the "Survivor: All-Stars" show finale.

"The couple will get married this April, and their wedding will most likely be aired on CBS in May," said Zeller.

The celebrity pair plans on getting married "and are hoping for three children, the same number that both sets of parents had," according to an article from CBSnews.com.

Anyone wanting to learn more about this Westminster celebrity can watch her on "The Amazing Race" and catch her upcoming wedding this spring.

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Some a.m. snow, then flurries	Mostly cloudy, bit of snow	Cloudy with snow	Brisk and cold with flurries	Cloudy, chance for some snow	Blustery and cold, flurries	Sunny intervals

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	Sunrise	Sunset
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Tuesday	6:45 a.m.	6:20 p.m.
Wednesday	6:43 a.m.	6:21 p.m.
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Saturday	3:50 a.m.	12:28 p.m.
Sunday	4:47 a.m.	1:43 p.m.
Monday	5:32 a.m.	3:03 p.m.
Tuesday	6:08 a.m.	4:23 p.m.
Wednesday	6:38 a.m.	5:42 p.m.

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Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar 25	Apr 1

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A storm that had caused floods on the West Coast hit farther east on March 6, 1983. A tornado at Monroe, N.C., derailed a train. Winnipeg, Canada, was encased in ice, which closed the airport for three days.

Regional Cities

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Cambridge, OH	42	24	sf	39	29	c	46	33	r	43	30	sn	38	22	sn
Canton, OH	37	23	sn	38	28	sf	42	31	sn	41	27	sn	35	20	sn
Cincinnati, OH	43	30	r	48	34	pc	54	35	r	48	28	c	36	22	sn
Clarion, PA	35	21	sn	36	25	sn	39	29	sn	40	28	sn	34	18	sf
Clarksburg, WV	42	25	sn	40	29	sn	43	38	r	50	35	r	42	23	sn
Cleveland, OH	36	24	sf	42	30	c	42	26	sn	34	20	sf	31	19	sn
Columbus, OH	42	28	sf	44	36	r	46	34	r	43	28	r	36	22	sn
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Ladies make history

Team clinches first NCAA tournament victory against Dickinson College

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

Taking a page from the men's team last year, the Titan ladies won the PAC championship by beating the top seed Washington and Jefferson 64-59 and then coming one step closer to their dream: posting their first-ever NCAA tournament win against Dickinson.

These wins mark the first league titles won by the ladies since the 1960s. This win gives the ladies a solid twenty wins on the year, which is a new school record. The old record was set in the 1988-1989 season with nineteen.

The whole opening half of the PAC game was very close as both teams were unable to gain the upper hand. However, the Titans were able to make a small run in final minutes of the half to have a seven-point half time lead. The Titans were able to open up the game in the second half as they built a twelve-point advantage over W&J.

However, the defense would break down allowing the presidents to come as close as one point twice. Once again free throws would allow the Titans to seal away the victory and capture the title.

The Titans were led by Sophomore Desiree Sterling, who had a career high twenty-two points, along with team high seven rebounds, six assists and three steals. Seniors Erica Tallo and Mary Jane Eaton both chipped in with double digit scoring with fourteen and twelve.

The ladies were able to shoot 41 percent from the field and were nearly perfect from the free-throw line as they were thirteen for fifteen. The defense stepped up big in the game, as the Titans were able to cause twenty-two turnovers to only committing twelve themselves.

The PAC championship set the ladies up for selection into the 'B' pool of the NCAA Division III Championship tournament for the first time in school history.

Sterling scored a game-high 19 points and senior guard Gasper broke a 50-50 tie with four free throws in the final 19 seconds tonight in Carlisle, Pa., as the Westminster College women's basketball team posted a 54-50 win. It marked the first NCAA Tournament game and win in Lady Titan history.

The homestanding Red Devils controlled play early, as Dickinson jumped out to a quick 12-point lead, leaving the Titans to chip away at the advantage the rest of the first half, finally closing within four points on a bucket by Eaton as the halftime buzzer sounded.

The Lady Titans scored the first six points of the second half to take their first lead, but Dickinson quickly recaptured the lead and built a nine-point margin. From there, Westminster posted a furious 9-0 rally to tie the game 50-50 with 1:16 to play on a jumper by freshman guard Emilee Ackerman.

After a missed Red Devil jumper with 24 seconds to play, Gasper grabbed the rebound and was fouled with 19 seconds left. She made both free throw attempts for a 52-50 Westminster lead. Dickinson then turned the ball over with six seconds left, forcing them to foul Gasper, who made both attempts to ice the win for Westminster.

In addition to Sterling, Ackerman was the only other Lady Titan to reach double figures in scoring with 10 points. Eaton snared a team-best nine rebounds in the win. Senior forward Erica Tallo added a team-high five steals, while Gasper contributed four steals and a team-leading four assists. Dickinson was led by Allyson Teatom with a team-high 10 points in defeat.

The Lady Titans now advance to an NCAA Tournament second round matchup at Messiah College (24-3) this Saturday, March 5 at 7 p.m.

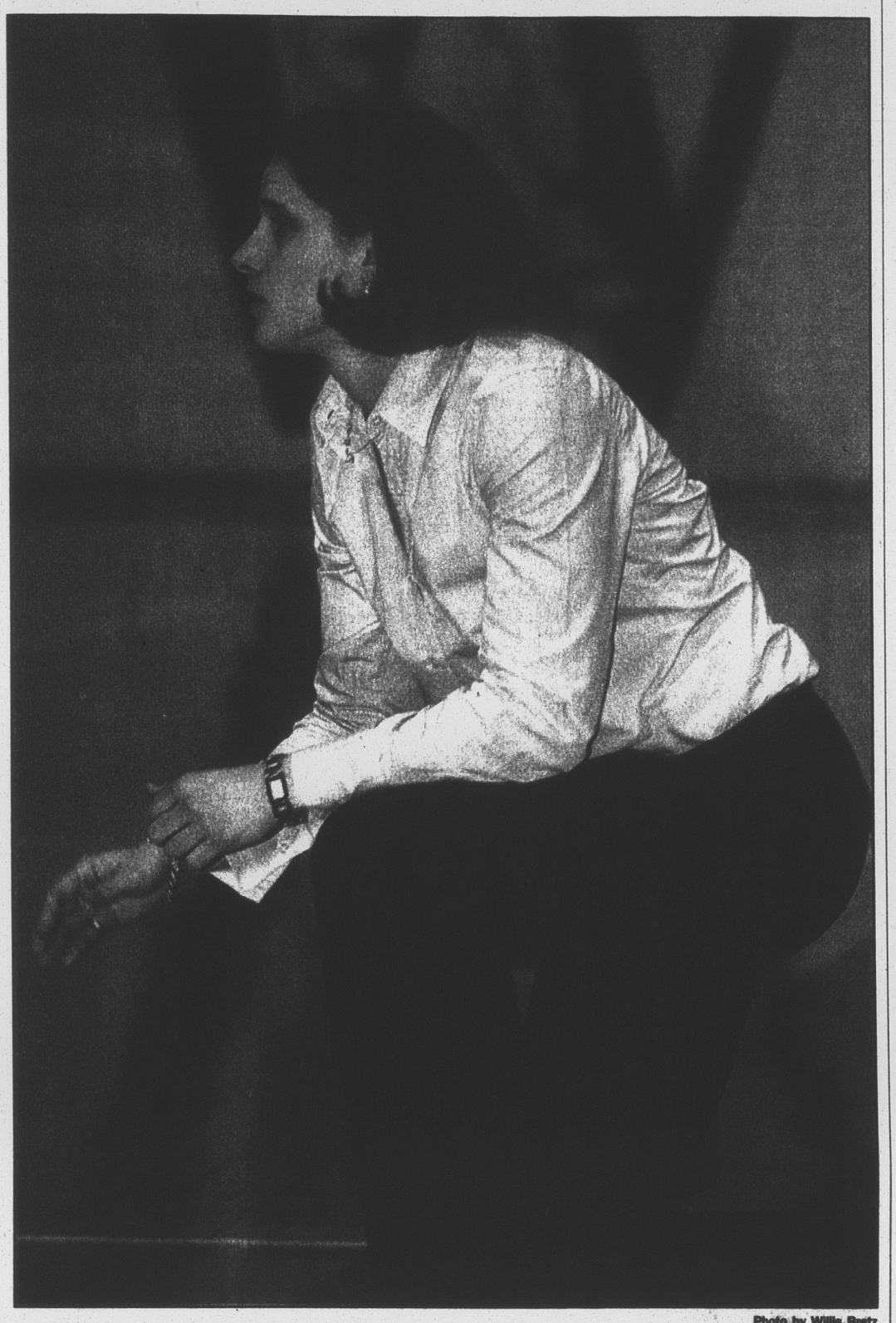


Photo by Willie Bretz

Head coach Rosanne Scott led the Lady Titans basketball team to their first PAC and NCAA victories, marking the first league titles won by the ladies since the 1960s.

What's so great about Barry Bonds?

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

Barry Bonds provided the press with some front-page fodder when he arrived at spring training last week.

His defensive nature and obnoxious behavior exemplified just what should be expected of Bonds.

When I was nine years old, I remember a two-year period of postseason futility for Barry "Mr. Baseball" Bonds. I grew up loving the Pittsburgh Pirates more than anything in the world. Then, as a result of two consecutive autumn drubbings, I learned to hate the Atlanta Braves.

That's a lot of heartache for a nine-year-old kid to endure. Then, I imagined being Barry Bonds. What I remember so vividly of those crushing seven game series failures is Bonds' skillful disappearing act. Over the course of the 1991 and 1992 regular seasons, Bonds cracked a combined 59 homeruns.

In those postseason games against the Braves, Bonds was lucky to get the bat on the ball, let alone the ball out of the infield. I also seem to recall a limp-wristed toss that Bonds made (or failed to make, you push) as Sid Bream galloped homeward like Forrest Gump-same gait, just less speed.

So Bonds failed in two consecutive postseasons. Remember - in those combined regular seasons he stroked 59 homeruns. Combined. I recall a season, let's say 2001, when he cracked 73.

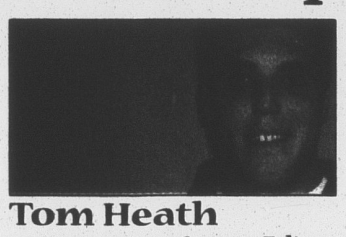
Consider this: Bonds was once a greater threat to steal a base than hit a homerun. In 1990, he became the first Pirate to ever steal more than 50 bases (52) and hit 30 homeruns (33).

Since heading out west, Bonds' stolen base totals have annually declined. Sure, he's 40, but he still hits 45 homeruns a year and he couldn't do that at 27.

When I was a kid, when Bonds was more Willie Mays Hayes than Pedro Cerrano, no one ever said, "Barry Bonds is my favorite ballplayer."

I'm an adult sports fan now. Bonds is no longer mercury like Lou Brock. Bonds is beef like Babe Ruth. We've tried to like Bonds. He just isn't Willie Mays. He just isn't Joe DiMaggio. Hell, Bonds isn't even Bobby Bonilla or Andy Van Slyke.

Titan track teams prepare for 2005 season



Tom Heath
Sports Editor

I must say that this semester on an athletic end of things has started with a bang. From the looks of things, they will not be slowing anytime soon. We started off with men's and women's swimming having an excellent showing at the PAC Meet/Grove City Invitational. There we moved onto the women's basketball receiving their first NCAA Division 3 basketball playoff birth. This week, I learned that a freshman member of the Titan track team would be representing our school, and the PAC, at the ECAC Indoor Track Meet at St. Lawrence University in New York this weekend.

Jessica Cooper will compete this weekend to earn a bid to the NCAA Indoor Track Championships at Illinois Wesleyan over spring break weekend. Currently Cooper is tied for eighth nationally in the high jump, at 5'5 1/4. Coach Augustine informed me that Cooper's best in high school was 5'5 and to improve already is quite a feat.

"Jessica has the ability to improve as the season moves outdoors and will have a legitimate shot at making the outdoor nationals." Coach also added that "It's impressive also for the fact that Jessica is also a volleyball player and to make the jump from sport to sport without much preparation is quite astounding."

I was curious to see what the differences would be going from indoor to outdoor.

Outdoor, Augustine informed me, there are may other factors that weight against a competitor, especially in the high jump.

"The elements and the wind especially all come into play when competing in an outdoor event, however, due to the surface having more give in the outdoor season; Jessica feels that her heights will improve once there is a transition of the seasons."

Coach Augustine also had nothing to say but positives when asked about both the men and women's outdoor teams.

"We have a lot of strong athletes on both the men and women's sides of things this season. I am very optimistic in a very cautious fashion due to the fact that the PAC is improving in competition each year."

Coach told me that he expects big things out of a lot of his returning guys this year. Adam Hadbavny will be one of the top returnees to the team as well as in the PAC. He looks to defend his titles in the shot put and discus, and improve in the javelin.

Along with Adam, many big things are also expected from Sean Buggy as he competes in sprinting events.

To round out the men's team, distance runners Josh Drab, Marcus Corvino, and Brad Zerbe, all seniors, will lead the way in distance for the men.

Sonya Cole will defend her outdoor title in the Shot-Put and Rachel Cooper will look to improve upon her remarkable freshmen indoor season.

Coach Augustine also added "Time and discipline are very key for both Men's and Women's outdoor seasons"

I wish the men's and women's track teams the best this season, as well as Jessica Cooper this week at the ECAC meet.

Tom is a junior Political Science Major from Erie, Pa. He is member of the football team, College Republicans and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

Upcoming Events

March 04, 2005
Men's tennis at Pitt-Greensburg - 12:30 p.m.
March 05, 2005
Women's basketball at Messiah - 7 p.m.$
March 12, 2005
Men's tennis vs. Washington and Jefferson - 11 a.m.
Baseball vs. Mount Aloysious - 1 p.m.
March 13, 2005
Men's tennis vs. Pitt-Greensburg - 2 p.m.

Intramurals let athletes play for fun

By Andrew Dafler
Campus Writer

Sophomore Blake Ordell stands out with his quick kicking goals-he's as a key player on our men's varsity soccer team. But, can this soccer fanatic spend his time dribbling down the basketball court as well? The highly unlikely answer shapes up to the idea of intramural sports.

The intramural sports program allows students each semester to hop-scotch across several competitive tournaments.

The tournament adapts to include a round-robin style basketball match coupled with an indoor soccer event as well as a 3-on-3 basketball game coinciding with college basketball's March Madness NCAA Tournament. Sign up sheets are available now for any student wishing to participate in the 3-on-3 tournament.

Girish Thakar, coordinator of intramurals, says more sports will be added to the list.

"We will also start our lacrosse club following spring break," he said.

The intramural sports program offers many chances for athletes to participate in a flurry of competitions in an organized manner.

"I play soccer, but I love other sports as well like basketball. Intramurals allows me to participate in those other sports on a competitive level without necessarily having to put in the time, commitment, and ability the same sport on the varsity level would require," Ordell said.

Intramurals are open to any student; however, there are limits depending on the sport and on the number of varsity athletes on a team. Depending on the sport, there are different levels of play depending on the level ability the participants.

This once again levels the playing field and allows the program to include every student who wishes to participate, no matter what their ability may be.

The intramural sports program is a great way for sports fans and aspiring athletes to quench the thirst for competition on an open playing field.

Sports Shorts

Basketball coach honored by magazine

Women's basketball head coach Rosanne Scott has been named February 2005 Coach of the Month by Women's DIII News.

The ladies were 7-2 in February, including capturing the program's first-ever PAC Championship with a 64-59 win over Washington & Jefferson on Feb. 26.

The Lady Titans earned their first-ever berth to the NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Tournament on Feb. 27 and went on to post a 54-50 first round win at Dickinson on Wednesday.

The team will travel to Messiah for a second round NCAA Tournament game Saturday at 7 p.m.

Scott, now in her third season as head coach of the Lady Titan basketball program, has posted a 47-35 record (.573) during her tenure at Westminster.

Trunk advances to NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships

Swimming standout Ryan Trunk has qualified to compete in the 2005 NCAA Division III Men's Swimming & Diving Championships.

The event will take place Thurs.-Sat., March 17-19, 2005 at the Holland Community Aquatics Center at Hope College in Holland, Michigan.

Trunk, a sophomore at Westminster who qualified for the national championships for the first time in his collegiate career, will compete in three events at the meet.

Next Thursday, Trunk will compete in the 50 freestyle, in which he ranks 31st nationally with a best time of 21.19.

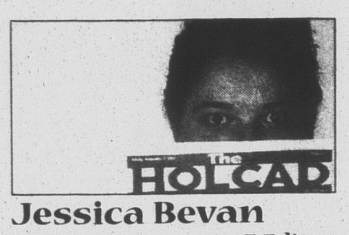
On Friday, he will compete in the 200 freestyle in which he ranks ninth in the country (1:41.70).

He will conclude the event by competing in the 100 freestyle on Saturday), in which he is ranked fourth nationally (45.49).

Trunk led the Titan men's swimming team to the 2005 PAC Championship on Feb. 12.

Arts & Entertainment

Not a 'good thing': Martha Stewart's busting out



Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

Martha Stewart, who gets paid $900,000 to be a professional arts and crafts person, lost a prison decoration contest. Was Christopher Lowell in the next cell? C'mon now.

I didn't think I needed to justify a pretty boring Oscar night with an equally boring column. However, in case you missed it and live under a rock, here are some highlights: Jamie Foxx cried about his grandmother, Chris Rock made fun of President Bush, Beyonce was on stage every ten minutes to sing, and Clint Eastwood kind of rules.

Oh, and everyone loves Oprah. But we already knew that.

That being said, on to bigger fish that needs fried. Like, say your friend and mine, Martha Stewart. After five months of hard time, or what her friends have called "intermission," in West Virginia, America's lifestyle sweetheart is free woman as of this weekend. Well, not totally free. She gets to partake in some house arrest action.

Anyway, after a little search for articles about Martha's vacation, I found something from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, via savemartha.com (I'm so not kidding.) According to the story, Martha will return to a paltry $900,000 a year salary during the additional five months she spends under house arrest. Can I get paid that much to hang out and do housework?

Martha's best-good friend, Margaret Roach (also editor in chief of the magazines) says in the article that Martha "passed the time in prison much as she does at home - cooking, gardening, making crafts and exercising." Uh huh.

The reporter, bless her heart, goes on to define each of those fine activities in prison terms. Like cooking really means Martha is now a microwave and vending machine gourmet.

My absolute favorite little kernel of fun concerns the fact that during a Christmas decorating contest, Martha's team lost. Lost. Let that sink in a bit. Martha Stewart, who gets paid $900,000 to be a professional arts and crafts person, lost a prison decoration contest.

Was Christopher Lowell in the next cell? C'mon now.

I really appreciate the fact that Martha's fellow inmates weren't having any of her nonsense. I remember hearing reports of her collecting crabapples from the prison yard and smuggling eggs back to her cell for egg salad, among other off-limits items.

Also, while she was supposedly on basically a housekeeping type detail, inmates complained that she was spared the fun jobs, like shoveling snow.

In the article, one local posits: "So what if she lost the decorating contest or took some condiments? I think people are looking for dirty laundry."

Well, yea. We are. This woman was supposed to be ultimate in good taste, manners, and behavior. Someone who made their way of life so public deserves scrutiny.

I'll give her this - girl knows how to work the PR. On another website, marthatalks.com, she posted letters to fans. In the most recent, she made a plea for reforms in the sentencing guidelines for nonviolent first-time offenders and defended some of the other women doing the cell block tango.

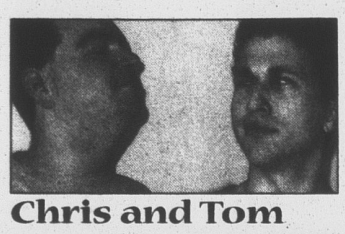
Maybe I'm a little cynical about this whole mess. Okay, I'm a lot cynical. I can't feel sympathy for Martha. Her celebrity is just going to explode over the next few months.

She'll be doing interviews from her estate every other day while preparing for her co-starring role in next season's episodes of The Apprentice. The majority of people in prison certainly aren't as lucky.

But now would be the time to invest in Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, Inc.

Jessica Bevan is a senior, double majoring in English and public relations. She's also a layout editor for this fine paper, has her hands in a number of other organizations, and apologizes to her aunt, who is a huge Martha fan.

Hitch could use a date doctor of its own



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

For better or worse, the Academy Awards went as expected for the vast majority of people. Now movies fans must prepare for the normally unbearable few months between Oscar season and the summer blockbusters.

Like normal, this past week only saw critical duds released in the theaters. Box office gurus predicted Hitch to come out on top for the third week in a row.

To everyone's surprise, the somewhat independent comedy Diary of a Mad Black Woman made an impressive $22 million. Since no one prepared us for that, we decided to give Hitch a try this weekend.

There was some anticipation going into this film on our part. Knowing Will Smith had the title role, we were wondering how well this thirty-something African American would perform as a chubby. British director.

Luckily this was not a biopic but a romantic comedy. The story IS about Alex Hitchens (you can call him Hitch): the date doctor. His job is to help men overcome those little quirks we have that make us look like fools so that we can help those we love return the emotion. Albert (Kevin James from the King of Queens) comes to Hitch for help.

Albert's prize, however, is the film's equivalent to Paris Hilton: Allegra Cole (Amber Valletta). While helping Albert with the social celebrity, Hitch falls for Sara (Eva Mendes).

Unfortunately Sara happens to be a gossip columnist working for a paper trying to dig the dirt on Allegra. Your typical Three's Company-style misunderstandings ensue and love is professed all around.

That is what the film IS about. What it should have been about was the Albert/Allegra relationship or even the Hitch/Albert relationship.

These two subplots are better developed and more interesting than the main relationship story. By the end of the film, the main romantic relationship really is a mess compared to the other two.

Albert and Allegra have a real relationship. The same can be said for Hitch and Albert, albeit a platonic one. Hitch and Sara on the other hand, are together for no real good reason other than they say they love one another.

The build up to this is almost nonexistent and what little there is seems forced. The relationship is entirely composed of mistrust and dishonesty, especially on the part of Sara. By the end it is entirely possible that you may not want them to get together at all.

There is not much to say technically on the film. The directing and cinematography are nothing special. The soundtrack doesn't stand out. The use of sound is hardly noticeable. Like many of the more recent romantic comedies, Hitch relies entirely on acting and writing.

The problem with the writing must be stressed once more. The movie is interesting, funny, and clever, but most of that revolves in the other relationships.

The other item to note about the movie is that the previews stressed the film as being about a date expert who, around Sara, falls apart and no longer has game.

In actuality, this is a brief few moments in the film. The only two instances are seen in the trailers. If you think that is why you're going to see the movie, then Hitch is not the film for you.

The acting is good for what is needed here. Kevin James and Amber Valletta stand out as Albert and Allegra. Valletta's manages to make herself appear to be the ice princess like Paris Hilton, but her actions and delivery show she really is a good person.

James is willing to showcase his size to the benefit of his character and actually shows some character growth. Mendes and Smith are their usual selves. Attractive and fun, you're seen them make these performances before.

Although much better than The Wedding Date, Hitch still has some problems with writing.

Had the B or C story been the emphasis of the film, Hitch would be long remembered. However, as it stands now and forever will, the weak A story makes Hitch a B movie.

It could have been much more.

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Calendar

March 04, 2005

Fresh Start Interviews — MCC 352

Deadline to Register for 3 on 3 Intramural Basketball Tournament — Memorial Field House

11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Twister Tournament — MCC Berlin Student Lounge

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Tartuffe — Beeghly Theater

7:30 PM Symphonic Band Concert — Orr Auditorium

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: National Treasure — MCC Mueller Theater

9:00 PM Amnesty International Open Mic Night — MCC Berlin Student Lounge

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Ocean's Twelve — MCC Mueller Theater

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7:30 AM PRAXIS National Teacher Exams — Patterson Hall 112

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Locks of Love — MCC Berlin Student Lounge

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Kappa Delta Shamrock Event — MCC Club/Lounge

7:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel

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2:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Tartuffe — Beeghly Theater

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: National Treasure — MCC Mueller Theater

3:00 PM Guest Artist Concert: Stephen Framil, Cellist — Wallace Memorial Chapel

6:15 PM IFC Meeting — MCC 255

7:00 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Ocean's Twelve — MCC Mueller Theater

March 07, 2005

3 on 3 Intramural Basketball Tournament Begins (through March 14)

Deadline for Chapel Staff Applications

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Senior Salute — MCC Carlson Atrium

11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM Guest Speaker: Rick Ufford-Chase, Moderator of the 216th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA — Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple

9:30 PM Lambda Sigma Meeting — Patterson 113

10:00 PM - 1:00 PM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

March 08, 2005

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9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Bookstore's Ring Sale — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

5:15 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314

9:00 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255

9:00 PM Newman Club — MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 PM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

March 09, 2005

PE-2 Classes Begin

Reserve your ARGO today! — MCC Orchard Street Cafe

11:30 AM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Board Meeting — MCC 253

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Elizabeth Ford, "Cluster Inspiration: The Holocaust Landscape of Holes" — MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM Circle K Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt

8:30 PM Seekers College Fellowship — MCC Club/Lounge

9:00 PM Allies Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

March 10, 2005

PE-2 Classes Begin

11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting — MCC 255

12:40 PM SLAC Meeting — MCC Drinko Center

4:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting — Patterson 113

6:30 PM Phi Delta Kappa Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

7:00 PM SIFE Credit Card Seminar — MCC Mueller Theate

8:00 PM Dance Theatre — Orr Auditorium

8:00 PM Mortar Board Meeting — Patterson 231

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Last weeks's answers

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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Spending time alone gives you an excellent opportunity to go within and do some much-needed soul-searching. Block out distractions and focus.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You should feel quite outgoing and extroverted this week. Look forward to meeting people from different backgrounds and environments.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Some very wonderful professional opportunities are presented to you. Avoid becoming overwhelmed with so many choices.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): You are in position to expand your horizons. Enjoy a variety of social interactions with foreigners and learn through travel or higher education.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Unexpected fluctuations in investments or business may have you on the edge of your seat this week. Remain optimistic and go with the flow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): It pays to be honest and open about your feelings. Explain your position in a relationship matter before it turns into a big misunderstanding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): It is important to be flexible, amenable and open to suggestion at work. Accept change and modification as a natural order of events.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): The best medicine for a boring or dull social life is doing something new and exciting. Break out of the doldrums and have fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Tempers could flare and explode at the most inopportune time this week. Make extra effort to stay calm and control your emotions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Younger siblings or peers will seek your guidance or advice. Be ready to answer their questions with logic and well thought out answers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You cannot rest in peace until a financial problem, conflict or disagreement has been solved, settled and put to bed. Commandeer your calculator.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Several lights in your life are ready to turn green, indicating it is time to move ahead with personal projects. Proceed with caution.

Crossword

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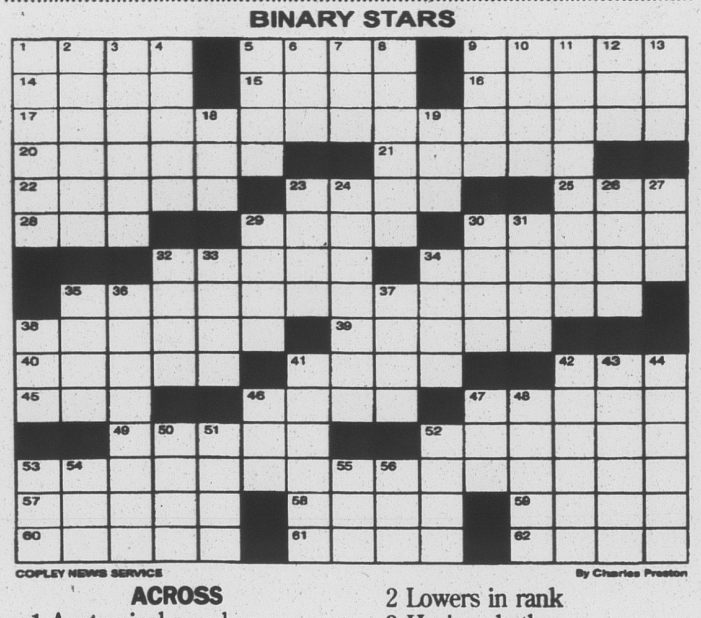

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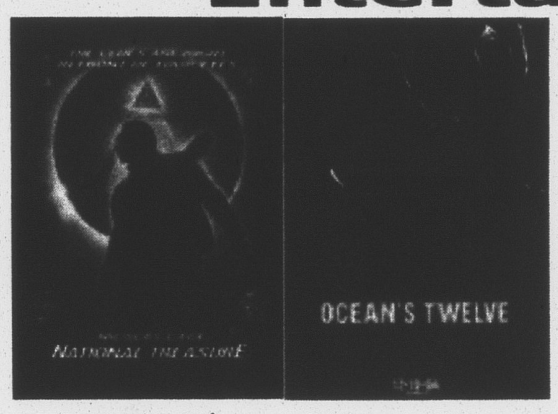

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Features

Snow Bunny Fashion

Laura Zorch
Feature Editor

Looks like that stinkin' groundhog was right last month: winter is sticking around. (When this edition of the paper is printed, it will probably be 60 degrees and sunny, just to spite me and my journalistic efforts.)

Right now, it is about three degrees, and I need a dog sled to get to class. I would pay large sums of money for a snow day.

Remember those sweet years of adolescence when blizzards meant a day of frolicking in the snowy goodness? (It also meant one less day of Easter break, or one less day of summer. Bastards.)

I would keep busy by constructing elaborate snow sculptures and careening down hills in my saucer sled, all the while looking fabulously attractive.

Actually, I never owned nice snow attire, at least after the age of six. Prior to that age, my parents probably suited me up in quality threads so at least I could look like a color coordinated marshmallow.

But I think once you start to grow, and become less cute and more annoying, parents wise up and don't care whether your boots match your mittens. Thus, me on a snow day equaled a fashion disaster.

To this day, for any snow occasion, like when I went skiing for the first time, my outfit looks like a closet full of early nineties snow apparel throw up. The pinnacle of hideous being the snow pants: the waist band comes up to about my shoulders and the legs extend in a beautiful, tapered way.

Indeed, choirs of angels sing when I put my foot in to the attached stirrups. I look H-O-T for the C-O-L-D.

Man, if only Westminster would can classes for a day of frolicking, I could introduce those puppies to the campus. You best believe I would be raking in the fellas' numbers in that delightful snow garb.

(Interjection: I get paid for this. People actually give me money to write about stirrup snow pants.) Proceed...

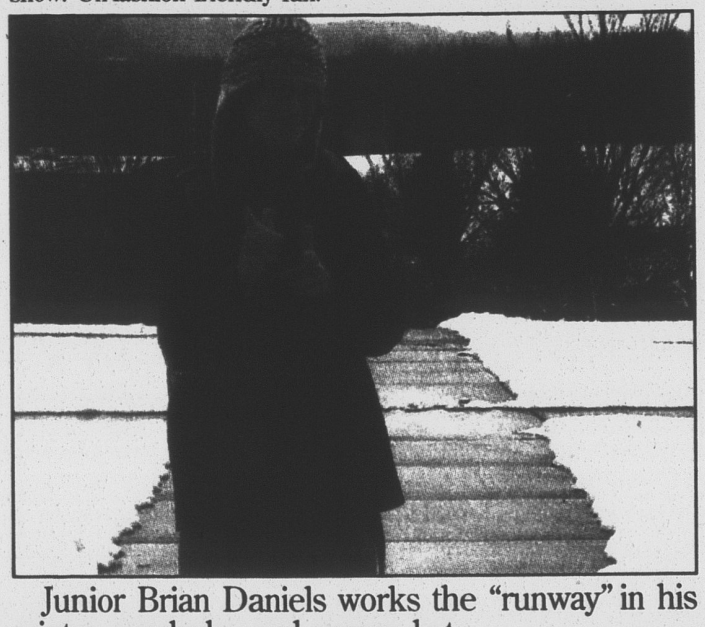
After suiting up for the frigid temperatures, one can make an entrance in to the winter wonderland, only realizing minutes later that no snow suit can shield this blistering cold. But even at the risk of numbness, frostbite, and lips hurting "real bad," fun can be had in the snow. Un-fashion friendly fun.

Now, it is time to assemble the team of dogs to pull my sled to class. Keep warm and keep those fingers crossed for a day of merriment in the white wonder known as snow. Or maybe Pennsylvania should just receive the memo: it's March.

Laura Zorch is a junior public relations and art double major. She is a champion of cookie consuming and donut devouring. Her future aspirations include marrying for money and cat herding.

Sophomore Angela Duckett blends into the snow in her hooded, puffy jacket.

Freshmen Christy Brink and Lindsey Thomas look pretty in pink in their almost identical coats.



Junior Brian Daniels works the "runway" in his winter wardrobe and snazzy hat.

Political Pong

The Monicas: Celebrating the best and worst in politics

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

With the Oscars being the talk of the town this week, Russ and I decided that it just wasn't fair. Why should the entertainment world receive that much attention and recognition for making movies?

We stalk celebrities in every aspect of their lives and shower them with awards and money; meanwhile, we know nothing about the people who actually impact our lives: politicians.

So to battle the current trend, we have decided to create our own set of political awards, deemed appropriately the Monicas (if you don't get the reference, just quit reading this article).

Here are the categories: Best Senator, Biggest Political Blunder, Best Political Show, Best Political Movie, Best Political Pundit, Biggest Political Loser, and Best Politician of 2004.

Best Senator: Barack Obama

Yes, I am awarding the Monica for best Senator to the Democratic Senator from Illinois. I have to admit, he had a great year, the highlight being his keynote speech and the Democratic National Convention. Everyone is pushing for him to run for President in 2008. In the words of Paris Hilton, he's hot.

Biggetst Political Blunder: John Kerry reporting for duty

In his speech to the Democratic National Convention, John Kerry told the world he was "reporting for duty", begging us to dig up his Vietnam past. Well we did, and the Swift Boat Veterans emerged as a political force against the Senator, aiding in his defeat.

Best Political Show: Hardball with Christ Matthews

I have to admit, I like Chris. He doesn't play favorites, he doesn't hold back any punches, and he's pretty funny. I know you all expected me to pick Crossfire or the O'Reilly Factor, but I'm not a brainwashed Republican, I can admit when others do a better job. Plus, I really don't care for O'Reilly.

Best Political Movie: Celsius 41.11

I'm sure you've never heard of this movie, and I'm not surprised, because it's not worshipping Michael Moore. This documentary provided the opposing side the Fahrenheit 9/11, the piece of liberal garbage Michael Moore threw up in the election year. But unlike Fahrenheit 9/11, Celsius 41.11 is tasteful and doesn't blatantly distort facts to win over votes. Yay for a conservative documentary!

Best Political Pundit: Tucker Carlson

Tucker Carlson had a great year, at least in my eyes. Whether he was telling off Canadians or battling with John Stewart, he ruled the political airwaves. Sure, he got canned from Crossfire, but it was because he had become too big to share the show. He has his own show on PBS, and I'm sure he has more deals to come.

Biggest Political Loser: Howard Deam

Granted, he picked up DNC chair recently, but that was in 2005. In 2004, Dean deserves this award. He went from front-runner of the Democratic presidential campaign to has-been. He flipped out on camera in front of all of his supporters. And he looks constipated. Howard Dean: the biggest political loser of 2004.

Best Politician: Rudy Guliani

You gotta love Rudy. With his inspiring speech to the Republican National Convention, Rudy paved the way for his presidential nomination in 2008. He really is the only Republican that seems ready for the nomination, and he gives my party a serious chance to win the White house for four more years. I'm rootin' for you, Rudy.

So there you have it, the first annual Monicas. Sure, they're not as covered as the Oscars, but just remember: Brad Pitt isn't deciding your federal aid, so where should you priorities be?

Jessica Rummel (aka right-wing nutjob) is a senior political science major. She has a serious case of seniorits and is probably going straight to hell.

This past Sunday, Hollywood recognized its best films and brightest stars at the Academy Awards. In the spirit of the Oscars, Jess and I decided to reveal out version of the political Oscars, which we are going to call the Monicas (because Monica is my "Million Dollar Baby").

Biggest Political Blunder: Howard Dean

Yes, I am probably one of Governor Dean's biggest supporters, but the Dean Scream was one of the biggest blunders of all time. His speech to supporters after finishing third in the Iowa caucuses was intended to make him look like an insurgent candidate. Instead, because of the omni-directional microphones, he looked like a lunatic. After the scream, it was all downhill for Dean. Governor Dean has rebounded nicely from his mistake; he was recently elected Chairman of the DNC.

Honorable Mention: Dick Cheney's F-bomb to Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy.

Best United States Senator: Edward Kennedy

There is no bigger critic of George W. Bush in the Senate than Edward Kennedy. Senator Kennedy worked on many pieces of legislation while also campaigning for John Kerry. Kennedy is working now on Social Security reform and also on a new education plan for America.

Honorable Mention: Senator John McCain from Arizona

Best Political Pundit: Paul Begala

The long-time host of CNN's Crossfire is one of the most interesting and best debaters on television. While people like Jon Stewart blast Begala for not debating the issues, I feel that Begala brings issues to the forefront that would otherwise go unnoticed. He defends the interests of the common-man against big-business debater Robert Novak.

While Begala is not as flashy as his friend James Carville, I feel he is a much better debater and therefore gets the Monica.

Honorable Mention: Donna Brazille

Best Political Show: Judy Woodruff's Inside Politics

Everyday at 3:30 on CNN, Judy Woodruff goes into the political stories of the day. They have in depth interviews and get both sides of the story. If you want to get informed on politics, all you have to do is watch this show.

Honorable Mention: K-Street

Best Political Movie: Diary of a Political Tourist

I know this may seem like an upset to those of you who expected Farenheit 9/11 would win in a landslide. The film was a homemade movie by Alexandra Pelosi (Senator Barbara Pelosi's daughter) in which she is given access to the daily lives of presidential candidates. It gives people a real-life look at how campaigns work and it is very funny.

Honorable Mention: Farenheit 9/11

Biggest Political Loser: Arnold Schwarzeneger

Instead of worrying about the budget crisis in his state, the Governor has focused his attention on a Constitutional amendment to allow foreign-born citizens to run for President. The Governor has gone to Congress several times and called himself the "Collectonater." This shows how low Arnold will sink to try to get money for his state.

Honorable Mention: Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell

Best Politician: Barack Obama

Before the Democratic Convention, not many people had heard of Barack Obama. After his moving speech at the convention and his overwhelming victory in the Illinois Senate race, Senator Obama is now being thought of as a possible presidential candidate in 2008. This was a tough category because Howard Dean, who went from a former Governor of Vermont to almost being President of the United States, also had a great year.

Honorable Mention: Howard Dean.

Russ Mills is a senior political science major. He enjoys watching the Woodstock movie, while wearing his Birkenstocks, playing on his Apple computer and drinking Starbucks coffee.

Grubbin' with Greg

Jess's Restaurant: Good food, service outweighs cheesy decor

Greg Smith
Grubbin' with Greg

I drove around the large and dazzling metropolis known as Hermitage earlier this week in search of a place to catch a bite to eat. I drove up and down State Street looking for a restaurant that would be suitable to my particular liking.

The longer I drove, the more despairing the quest for food became until I remembered a good friend of mine suggesting that I stop by Jess's Restaurant.

I figured that while I was in the area I might as well take the advice and that's why this week I visited Jess's Restaurant.

Jess's Restaurant can best be described as providing a jazzed up "Cheers" type of atmosphere.

It the kind of place where everyone knows your name, but you're not really hanging out in a sports bar. Actually Jess's is quite the opposite of a sports bar it's reminiscent of a 70s Vegas cocktail lounge.

It's not that there's a stage equipped with a piano accompanied by a cheesy lounge singer. It is more or less the retro 70s flower pattern upholstery along with the psychedelic green painted walls coupled with the blaring classic 70s Muzak system that recreates that old time nostalgic lounge feel.

I'm sure that the thought of dining at a place that reminds you of a cocktail lounge is not all that appealing, but one quick glance at the menu and you'll be pulling your seat up close to the table in anticipation for your meal.

The menu at Jess's Restaurant offers quite a nice spread of items, which are modestly priced. The old adage that states "you get what you pay for" is the best way to describe the menu at Jess's.

While some objects on the menu may be a little pricey I assure you that it is well worth the money, particularly the steak.

However, if you need sometime time to peruse over the menu contemplating how to balance your hunger with your budget don't fret because Jess's starts you off with some bread and a little tray of vegetables and dip while you look things over!

If you can't decide on any of the items on the menu then I recommend asking your server for a list of the daily specials.

If you are still indifferent then may I suggest asking your server for their recommendation.

The service at Jess's is exquisite because staff pays attention to detail, but does so in a personal manner that doesn't make you feel uncomfortable.

I guess the individualized attention is what makes the place feel like Cheers.

So you're probably curious as to how Sam and the gang would stack up to the Twinkie scale.

Well I'm not sure how the gang at Cheers would stack up, but I can say that the gang at Jess's did fairly well. Aside from the cocktail lounge feel, the food and service are fairly impressive, especially considering the vast options that one can find in the ultra modern bustling metropolis of Hermitage.

That's why I feel that Jess's deserves a 2.75 out of 4 Twinkies. Until next week, keep on grubbin'.

Greg Smith is a senior political science major. He is the former President of the College Democrats and the co-founder of the Fatty Club.

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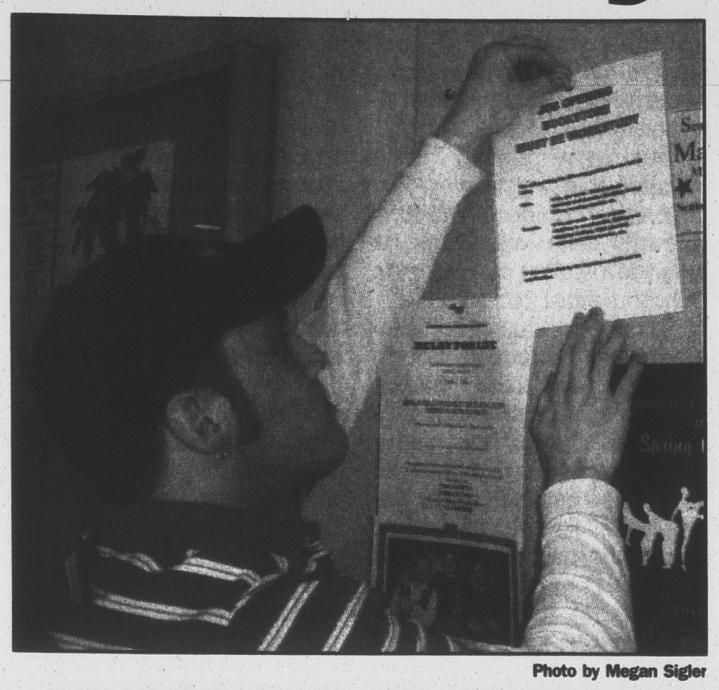

Photo by Megan Sigler

Junior Tom Burkhart posts a sign announcing an opening for his job in the bookstore. Burkhart, along with 188 other student employees, may lose his job in the fall to work-study eligible students.

By Colin Dean
Staff Writer

Some students may find themselves hunting for a new job off campus next semester.

The college has proposed and is just short of executing a new student employment program in which students who are eligible for work study will have first choice of on-campus jobs. This program is not new to the administration, as it has been in development since the fall. It has only recently come to the attention of the student body.

"I think it's a mischaracterization to say that it's the elimination of employment," said R. Thomas Williamson, president of the college. "We are trying to make jobs available to the work-study eligible and to let those students who are not work-study eligible know that they will most likely find a job."

Many changes are planned to evolve the current student employment system. Students who are eligible for work study are given the first choice of jobs and are given the right to first refusal, meaning that if they do not want to work, they do not have to. Students eligible for work study during the summer will be given the first choice of summer jobs as well. Essentially, any student eligible will be able to get a job, but it seems that incoming freshmen will be the primary target of the changes.

"We want to make sure we can guarantee a freshman a job and we have to follow this procedure—not depend on an interview or because someone wants you. If I were a parent—I'd want to know they had a job. This way we can follow through on that," said Williamson.

Jobs in the physical plant, food service and library as well as desk sitting will have "slots" assigned for freshmen. It is estimated that about 130 such slots will be assigned to freshmen, with around 300 jobs available for upperclassmen.

Currently, there are 530 student jobs on campus, 342 of which are on work study. Of this year's freshman class, there are 170 work-study eligible students, but only 33 of them have jobs.

Freshmen will be assigned a job by the financial aid office. If they do not like the job chosen for them, they can decline the offer, but will then have no job the rest of the year. If they take up the offer, their commitment to that job will then last until the following year when they will be able to get another job.

"Freshmen shouldn't have to worry about working," said senior Russ Mills. "They should worry about getting used to college life and their first semester of classes."

In addition to the right of first refusal part of the changes, no student on work study will be able to hold more than one job on campus, and departments with more than three work study positions will lose one of those positions.

The main financial change is essentially a combining of the budgets for work study jobs and for employment jobs. Currently, the school receives $253,000 per year from the federal work study program, or 75 percent of what is needed to pay work study students.

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The TUB floats the vote

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer

For the past several months, a flood of penned petitions, crafty signs and aptly placed Titan Radio promos have poured over the student body, all favoring a name change to the eating pavilion in the McKelvey Center. Gaining voices, it reached the level of administration, and as of last week, the administration gave the Student Government Association the go in renaming the Orchard Street Café the TUB.

"It was left in my hands and, subsequently, I decided to permit the change to the TUB," said Neal Edman, Dean of Student Affairs. President R. Thomas Williamson was not involved in the name change.

SGA eats the entire cost of the new signs—which isn't as much as previously forecast.

"It's only about $500 to change the signs. You just have to peel off the name apparently and put the new letters on," said Jess Rummel, emeritus SGA president. At one time, SignPro, the company creating our schools directories, estimated the change upwards of $4000.

The TUB stands for the Titan Union Building. A name going back to the early 1940s, it served as the common hang-out for students in the old Union Building. Today, this success keeps a campus tradition alive.

"It's really amazing what students can make happen with the support of faculty and a lot of willpower," said Tabitha Kupec, freshman broadcasting major.

Indeed it does show willpower, Ian Durham, senior broadcasting major and member of SGA, chiefly planned the TUB petition. Following Durham and SGA's sanction, Titan Radio hit hard, drumming up more than 500 names for the cause. By the end, they'd tagged on an additional 700.

"This is something that I can look back at and say 'I was there when the name was changed,'" Kupec added.

The new signs are ordered and should be here within four to six weeks.

Photo by Willis Bretz

Jen Caumo and Jess Miller choreographed their dance, entitled "Forsaken," to Vanessa Carlton's version of The Rolling Stones' "Paint it Black." Tara Tomczyk, centered in the back row, is one of several seniors to be saying goodbye to the Dance Theater stage this weekend on Friday, March 11 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 12 at 2 p.m. in Orr Auditorium.

Dancers take stage in 'Every dance tells a story'

Celebration of years of dancing come to an end for seniors in this weekend's performance

By Megan Marshall
Staff Writer

The Dance Theater Show is the event in spring at Westminster, especially for those with a passion for tap, jazz, ballet or any of the like. For some, however, this is a last hurrah - a celebration of years of dancing, coming to an end.

Seniors in Dance Theater are able to perform a solo number to commemorate their individual talent. Senior elementary education major Emily Wagner, however, took a different approach.

"I asked Amanda McAvoy if she would do a duet with me. It makes me feel more comfortable knowing someone else is out there with me," said Wagner.

The duo incorporated each of their own favorite dance style - for a mixture of tap and jazz to the tune of "All She Wants to Do Is Dance."

"It was somewhat of a challenge finding a song that we liked and that would also fit with both types of dance, but I think we're both happy with the choice that we made."

Senior sociology major Tara Timpano has served as the Dance Theater president for the past two years. Timpano's solo to Frank Sinatra's "Come Dance with Me" is something she has looked forward to since she was a freshman. "I love to dance - and I love sharing it with others."

Timpano also performs in three other numbers, including "Black Velvet," which she choreographed.

Senior computer information systems major Susan Johns choreographed this year's tap number to Shania Twain's "Honey I'm Home." The ten tappers are known as "The Country Girls."

Johns began her first experience as a choreographer in August, but her dance practices have been in the works for the past five months.

"I started my practices immediately following tryouts - and have been practicing every week since then," said Johns. "Being a choreographer definitely takes a lot of dedication!"

Senior broadcast communications major Patrick Sandora is Dance Theater's only male choreographer for the second year in a row.

Sandora and his dancers groove to a mix of Christina Milian's "Whatever You Want" and Ashanti's "Focus."

"The dance is a slightly different style for me, but that's on purpose... I really wanted to try a different style of dance, being that it's my last year in Dance Theater," said Sandora.

He is going out with a bang - staying as involved as possible with his favorite pastime. This year, on top of his usual choreographing and music mixing duties, Sandora will host the event with sophomore broadcast communications major Kirstan Gides.

All the hard work of the 60 students in Dance Theater - and the determination of the senior class to make this the best show yet - will pay off in the performances. As Johns puts it, "This show was one of the best!"

Although, with celebration comes the reminder that, for some, it is a last stage performance.

"Participating in this show after all the hard work that you put in during the school year, is very gratifying and rewarding," said Wagner. "But I will definitely miss dance theatre after I graduate."

Dance Theater Show this weekend
Friday, March 11 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 12 2 p.m.

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Opinion

Rant & Rave

Don't blame the poor horse.

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What exactly is "sexual healing?"

That's a weird commercial.

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I hate when my roommates change my station.

He's crazy on his crutches!

The showers and the bathrooms need to be fixed because a lot of water is being wasted.

I hate people.

You suck at life.

I got fired!

Am I hot? Or not?

I'm going to the opera!

This is me giggling.

Interesting.

I win!

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Prospectives or current students: Who do we care about?

The proposed elmination of student employment brings to light a more looming question

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer

"April is the cruelest month" harkens Eliot as his ripping words gash teeth first into "The Waste Land." How true that statement of newness resonates here on campus where this spring more than 100 students find their expected jobs jostled from their good hardworking hands.

Now, in the newness of what seems like a big-business scheming venture we find the little man's pin money evaporated into dust.

The pillars from which the work study program were established, grounded deeply into the essence that any willing student could harness a job, now rot away while the foundation uproots itself.

Let me get this straight: all of this to till a happy new edifice for the freshman class?

And, while our beloved 12-17 year-old market constantly needs more perks and petting to come here, next year, upperclassmen will be forced to cluck around one-legged for chicken scratch.

I'm speaking specifically to what President Williamson mentioned at that 'All Campus Meeting' last week. He said, "We are trying to make the program more liberal."

Well, I can see his point in trying to give freshmen some opportunities, but what about the opportunities for the rest of us?

Slashing at our jobs or giving them away before we can create a worthwhile argument against this new implementation doesn't sound like a collectively liberal thing.

I know what the administration will holler back to my chagrin: that those students not categorized under work study should be last in line for placements.

However, those pin money positions, which your institution currently funds, are still an essential part of the machine. And, you need to keep all students happy to keep the machine lubricated.

Besides, that $5.15 an hour churns out more than one thinks. It drives home the first ingenuous taste of independence.

Jobs are scarce out there in the "real world," but I was under the impression that here in this Westminsterian-safe-haven, students could earn pin money rightfully and thereby adopt responsible skills for life: budgeting money while and balancing work with school.

The current program takes a vital part of many of a lass and lad's undergraduate years.

They take on three jobs here just to gain enough "pin money" to remain in their sorority/fraternity. Or even just to buy weekly shampoo.

Sure they don't qualify for this illustrious, holy, pious and 'liberal' federal work study, but they are good-paying customers too. And at sanctioned $28,000 a pop, no one appreciates getting the shaft.

Apparently the school doesn't mind giving it. After all, it only cares for those new frosh.

The timing of this endeavor was completely off. That is, if you wanted to be kind and considerate of your current student's plight.

In President Williamson's recent address he bequeathed, "We've known about this since October..." He then unabashedly added, "We just didn't want to break it until now."

Any perceptive person could see that it would have been better breaking it out on the docket during the 2004 November All-Campus Meeting.

It would have been nice knowing last semester that a cut in proctors and several prominent positions could potentially occur.

It would have been nice knowing when planning for next year that we'd have to scratch elsewhere for pin money.

Slashing at our jobs or giving them away before we can create a worthwhile argument against this new implementation doesn't sound like a collectively liberal thing.

Jobs are scarce in the outlying communities.

A drive of say 20 minutes for a job reeks of students sloughing off reading assignments and not participating in college activities because they're too busy concentrating on drive-time or their trash receptacle work duties.

But we've already distinguished that with a move like this, the Golden Years of Westminster's kindnesses are gone to us. And as Eliot says, "Shorn against our ruins."

This work-study induction presented to students last semester could have enabled SGA to gain petitions for their proposal against this move. SGA proposed that all students who currently have jobs would be allowed to finish carrying out their jobs until graduation. However, this was axed by President Williamson at the recent meeting because it was too "expansive."

Well, I'm sorry, but "grandfathering" of all current student jobs would have been the courageous and right and kind position of the college.

This SGA proposal going through would have restored my trust in your ideals, you remember, "a place to call home." I don't find the idea of not having money to buy groceries or seeing my younger siblings take my job very comforting.

And the "life is hard" speech President Williamson oozed onwards about enunciating how "we're in tough times" thickly gels at preposterous.

It's hypocritical, because, look at all the perks the incoming freshmen get, including your job.

Wow, I'm so glad this idea was brought out with shrewd marketing during the Lil' Sibs and the Spring Fling to foster uber-excitement about coming joining us in "Kahunaville/Usher-land."

All that current students would request is a little more time to realize that the school is changing policy, not an avalanche at the end of the year when it's impossible to flex our muscles and find a way out of the Westminster Waste Land.

Letters to the Editor

Honors program should remain interdisciplinary

When I heard news this Wednesday, March 9, that the college had plans to eliminate the honors program in its current form I was very concerned.

For those of you who do not know how the honors program works, eligible students who apply to the honors program and are accepted attend an Honors Colloquium class taught by Dr. Hicok during the first semester of their junior year. After the colloquium, each student works on his or her honors project with an honors board comprised of professors from various departments.

The interdisciplinary colloquium is a very valuable part of the honors program, because it encourages interaction between honors students of various majors from the sciences to the humanities. The colloquium discussions are focused around topics of study that are important in the development of well rounded students. The program in this current form is valuable, because it encourages students to learn from each other, as each student contributes his or her understanding of the topics being discussed in terms of his or her specific discipline.

Unfortunately, there are plans to rebuild the honors program so that it is no longer interdisciplinary. I have spoken with several juniors today who have attended Dr. Hicok's Honors Colloquium this past fall; these students feel that they have benefited greatly from the program in its current form. The students were alarmed to hear that the program might be changed so drastically. Having benefited from this program, we honors students feel that it is our duty to do all that we can to make our voices heard and prevent the interdisciplinary honors program from dissolving, so that future honors students will also be given the chance to benefit from this program. After all, Westminster is a liberal arts college. Should we not have an honors program designed in liberal arts fashion?

Victoria Duerr
Junior - English

Styles Change,Substance Does Not

The first five words of the title above are part of a common slogan for Westminster recruiting. Although arguments about the colors of the website fall under the category of style, they hint at a more prevalent issue: why is Westminster trying to change its substance (or tradition)? The Westminster I fell in love with, which "mandates the maximum possible development of each person's capabilities," is being replaced by a new model. This paradigm can be seen in the proposal to remove honors as a 'program' (as a departmental plan would do), the phasing out of the German program, a decline in the recognitions given to the school, understaffing of departments, and the vastly unequal use of financial resources toward Presbyterian students, compared to other students. If you have the answer, I commend you because I have been contemplating this over the last year.

As some of you know, I, along with other students, were not allowed into the "open" meeting of the Academic Standards Committee (ASC). To be fair, the ASC surveyed current honors students and has since suggested a separate student meeting (which I hope is an honest offer). The survey provided a way of evaluating the current program; however, we hoped to provide input into the proposed program, desiring to "preserve our tradition of prestige and academic excellence" which would be tarnished by the proposal (and the new image at large). Some departments have argued that their curriculum does not mesh with the honors program even though Dr. Hicok makes every attempt to accommodate students who overload and have unusual capstone structures. Really the onus of their complaints is their own inflexibility or desire to undermine the program.

Recent attention to our 'comparative schools' seems to point directly to the problem: the lack of vision in recent proposals (the antithesis of a curriculum "second to none"). Why are students, especially those who are graduating in the next two years, joining the bandwagon? It is the other Westminster value which has not been mentioned recently, the caring of its members. It would be a shame for the leaders of this school to crush the desire of students to make this a better place. I would like to thank the faculty who protect our tradition of the liberal arts curriculum and challenge the students to guard it from other interests.

Ray C. Walling
Junior - History

CPU is focused on the topic, not the politics

When the Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn formed last year, we met some strong opposition. Since then, I hope that we have shown what we are really about, but this letter is for those who still have some misunderstandings.

CPU is neither a political nor a religious organization, but an organization that is based on one issue: abortion. As a group, we have not lobbied for pro-life legislation and we have not supported any candidates in any elections. We acknowledge the current abortion policy, but we do not believe that the right to do something makes doing it right. Therefore, we have tried to become active with a local Pregnancy Services Center that helps women make good choices and gives them support and real options. We do not advocate eradicating women's rights or bombing abortion clinics or any other (mostly false) stereotypical pro-life positions.

Personally, the main reason that I disagree with the pro-choice movement is that I don't believe that most women are given a real choice. Despite the 3600 abortions each day, I cannot believe that any woman chooses abortion. Abortions happen when women have no other choices available to them. Consequently, my critique of the pro-life movement is that while I respect those who protest and lobby for legislation, I believe that we also need to attend to those women who are faced with the prospect of abortion now. That is what CPU has attempted to do by educating people about alternatives to abortion.

Originally, I thought that a pro-choice group would emerge within a year of CPU's formation, but that didn't happen. And I'm somewhat disappointed. As college students who are affected by abortion, we should be talking about it. So, I strongly encourage everyone to attend CPU's next event.

On March 31, Serrin Foster, president of Feminists for Life, will be presenting her lecture, "The Feminist Case Against Abortion," at 7:30 p.m. in the Witherspoon Rooms. A question and answer session will follow. This is a great opportunity for us to come together and discuss this important issue. If you're undecided about abortion, please come to this event to find out where you stand. If you're staunchly pro-choice, please come and observe a different side of the pro-life movement. Perhaps you will see that it is possible to be pro-woman and pro-life and that life is the only choice that doesn't hurt women.

Andrea Ceplecci
Senior - Political Science

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Outside the Bubble

Off Campus

PSU organization talks issues of sexuality and faith

By Leann Frola
Penn State Collegian

Penn State student Adam Stallard has found self-fulfillment through Christianity and being gay.

"[Being gay] is often frowned upon as being immoral, but that's only one perspective," Stallard (junior-chemical engineering) said. "It hasn't stopped me from praying. It hasn't stopped me from reading the Bible or expressing my faith to others."

Helping to organize Shalem — a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) interfaith spiritual group — is one more way Stallard is continuing his faith.

"I feel that there's a widening gap between the LGBT community and the faith community, and there shouldn't be," he said.

"The group will be able to help me through that with basically just talking to other students who share the same views."

Group founder Jason Lally (senior-information sciences and technology) said Shalem will provide a place for the many spiritual LGBT students who may feel ostracized from their religion.

"We do have a group of people who are devoted to spirituality, to causes of social justice, and reaching out in love and things like that," he said.

"The purpose of the group is to show LGBT persons are more than one-dimensional figures. We care about spiritual issues. I don't know if people realize that."

While the group is still in its organizational phase, Lally said it should be granted official status the week after spring break if the paperwork is approved.

Shalem is Lally's second attempt at creating an LGBT spiritual group for students. Last year, he formed Renew, a group focusing specifically on LGBT issues in Catholicism, but was unable to find enough leadership to sustain the club after his upcoming graduation this spring.

"I just didn't see it lasting after I graduated, but Shalem pulls from a larger group of people, so it's easier for leadership and things like that," he said. "[Renew] is still a useful group. I'm going to try to find someone that can 'renew' the group, so to speak."

Making Shalem an interfaith group will improve the club in more ways than sustainability, Lally said.

"The goal of this group is to try to reach more people equitably so more people from more faith communities are served," he said.

"Muslim groups and Eastern religions have a very, very hard time with these issues. This group kind of opens up to let all of those people in without making those people practice any certain type of faith."

The group has held several organizational meetings with a core group of about 10 people, mostly Christians, Lally said.

"That happened just by chance," he said. "But everyone in the group is committed to opening it up and having multiple faiths there."

The group plans to hold various activities general enough for all faiths, which include meditating or praying, watching and discussing movies that deal with spirituality and lesbian and gay issues, creating a Web site for anonymous correspondence, and hosting joint projects with other spiritual groups, along with additional social events.

Although there are many student religion groups, one that brings homosexuality and religion together is groundbreaking, group member Francis Kredensor (junior-meteorology) said.

"It's definitely something new at Penn State and the country," he said.

"There are some [national] organizations that deal with this, but it's not as much as it could be or as it should be."

But members of Shalem are not trying to make a political statement, said group adviser Davin Carr-Chellman, who also serves as the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center's assistant director of ethics and religious affairs.

"Really, this is about people who want to live their lives holistically," he said. "It isn't about making a statement or being controversial. It's about making sure we're whole, healthy creatures."

Some students pick serving soup over beach vacations

By Jared Trent Stonesifer
Pitt News

When Chris Franceschina arrived in Ensenada, Mexico, in June 2002, he received a rude awakening. Franceschina, who was participating in a 10-day mission trip to lay a foundation for a church, said the poverty he and his group saw astounded them.

"A couple people on the trip with me came home with only one set of clothing," he said. "They gave the rest away to all of the impoverished children in the area. It's definitely a hard thing to do, to see some of the things you see."

During next week's spring break, Franceschina will travel to northeastern Arizona with 16 other students involved in Cornerstone, a group based in Bellefield Presbyterian Church in Oakland.

The group will drive nonstop for about 30 hours to a Native American reservation, where they will work with and encourage abused and neglected orphans.

The group will also help construct and maintain old buildings in the region. Franceschina looks forward to serving those in need of help, but also understands their situation.

"I expect to have fun working with the children, but these kids are coming from a bad background," he said. "I'm not really looking to get anything out of this. I'm simply looking to serve other people."

Franceschina's group is not the only of its kind at Pitt. Many varieties of humanitarian programs are run through a division of Student Volunteer Outreach, located in the William Pitt Union.

Through a program called Alternative Break, Student Volunteer Outreach will send more than 60 students to seven locations around the United States next week.

One group of students will head to Kentucky to help fix low-income homes.

Another team will trail blaze in the Gila National Forest of New Mexico, rebuilding old trails while sleeping in tents without access to shower facilities. Yet another group will distribute hot meals to the needy in Illinois.

Terrence Milani, who has run the Alternative Break program for seven years, described it as a "weeklong immersion" that promotes a "very rich learning experience."

"The program is focused on learning about people, learning about their problems. It is about experiencing it, rather than reading about it," Milani said.

The Alternative Break program promotes and encourages community service projects for all students.

While the students are on the trips, and even after they arrive home, they are encouraged to keep detailed journals about their interactions and feelings, along with other "reflection activities" done either individually or in a group setting.

Cathleen Connor-Weiss, the outreach coordinator for Student Volunteer Outreach, considers the program to be beneficial for everyone involved.

"We consider Alternative Break a service-learning experience. Each of our activities is based around needs — whether environmental, educational or health-related," she said.

Eric Verprauskus, a team leader this spring for an Alternative Break trip headed to Puerto Morelos, Mexico, is ecstatic at the thought of another trip.

Through the Alternative Break program, he has traveled to Honolulu, with Habitat for Humanity, as well as to Montana.

In Hawaii, he helped to build houses for low-income families.

While in Montana, he worked with the community to preserve a historic dude ranch. Verprauskus, who has been involved with Student Volunteer Outreach for three years, realizes the importance of such trips.

"The breaks have had an immeasurable impact on my life. For instance, one of the best parts of the trips is meeting people you do not know, people that can provide you with a totally novel perspective," he said.

"Connecting with others' perspectives on these trips has led to changes in the direction of my life."

National

Data broker says 32,000 personal records of U.S. citizens vulnerable

By Ellen Simon
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Using stolen passwords from legitimate customers, intruders accessed personal information on as many as 32,000 U.S. citizens in a database owned by the information broker LexisNexis, the company said.

The announcement Wednesday comes on the heels of a series of similar high-profile breaches, the most serious affecting another large data broker, ChoicePoint Inc. in which scores of identities were stolen.

The ChoicePoint case, as well as other data losses, including one affecting some 1.2 million federal employees with Bank of America charge cards, have prompted an outcry for federal oversight of a loosely regulated commercial sector.

In the data-brokering business, sensitive data about nearly every adult American is bought and sold.

The first in a series of Capitol Hill hearings are scheduled for Thursday.

At LexisNexis, criminals found a way to compromise the logins and passwords of a handful of legitimate customers to get access to the database, said Kurt Sanford, the company's chief executive, told The Associated Press.

The database that was breached, called Accurint, sells reports for $4.50 each that include an individual's Social Security number, past addresses, date of birth and voter registration information, including party affiliation.

No credit history, medical records or financial information were accessed in the breach, LexisNexis parent company Reed Elsevier Group PLC said in a statement.

The Accurint database is part of the Seisint unit, which LexisNexis bought in August.

Sanford said a team examining Seisint's data security routines in February noticed abnormal usage patterns and suspicious billing on some accounts.

He said the team told superiors, who notified law enforcement. Both internal and external investigations continue, he said.

"What we're doing now is trying to act as quickly and responsibly as possible to lend a helping hand to consumers who might have been adversely impacted by these incidents," Sanford said.

Sanford refused to name the law enforcement agencies involved.

"That only has the potential to compromise the investigation," he said. "We are trying to catch the bad guys here."

The company will be notifying affected customers in the coming days, a company statement said.

It will provide them with ongoing credit monitoring "and other support to ensure that any identity theft that may result from these incidents is quickly detected and addressed," it said.

LexisNexis said it was also tightening up password and login procedures.

Boca Raton, Fla.-based Seisint stores millions of personal records, including information on bankruptcies, corporate affiliation, drivers licenses, neighbors and criminal records.

Customers include police, lawyers and businesses.

LexisNexis paid $775 million for Seisint, which also provides data for Matrix, a crime and terrorism database project created in 2002 and funded by the U.S. government.

Thirteen states originally participated but most later pulled out, citing citizen privacy and other concerns.

Seisint was founded by a millionaire, Hank Asher, who stepped down from its board of directors last year after revelations of past ties to Bahamian drug smugglers.

Word of the Seisint breach follows the embarrasing disclosore Feb. 15 of a breach at rival data broker ChoicePoint Inc. that the company said involved as many as 145,000 Americans.

In the scam, thieves posing as small business customers gained access to the company's database and at least 750 people were defrauded, authorities say.

ChoicePoint's vice president, Don McGuffey, is expected to testify Thursday at a Senate hearing on identity theft.

The chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, a representative from the Secret Service and a Bank of America executive also are to appear before the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee.

Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) introduced legislation Wednesday that would impose tighter requirements on the industry.

The ChoicePoint case only came to light when the company heeded California law by notifying affected citizens of that state that their personal information had been compromised.

California is the only state with such a law.

International

Lebanon's pro-Syrian prime minister forced to resign

By Hussein Dakroub
Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - Lebanon's pro-Syrian prime minister, who was forced to resign last week by opposition protests, was virtually assured of being asked to form the next government after a majority of lawmakers backed him Wednesday.

An unofficial count gave Omar Karami more than half the votes in the 128-member legislature. A formal announcement by President Emile Lahoud, who consulted with legislators, may be made as early as Wednesday night or Thursday.

By early evening, 70 of the 78 legislators who met with Lahoud advised him to restore Karami, according the legislators as they left the presidential palace.

Opposition lawmakers only sent two representatives and did not put forward a name when they met with Lahoud.

Instead, they reiterated their demands for the new government: the complete withdrawal of Syrian troops and intelligence officials from Lebanon, the resignation of Lebanese security officials they deem as negligent and a thorough investigation into the Feb. 14 assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Nominating Karami again as prime minister is sure to enrage the opposition, who led weeks of protests against Syria. Karami has been leading a caretaker government since then.

Damascus is eager to keep its hold on the Lebanese leadership as it pulls its forces back to the Bekaa Valley, near the Syrian border, and negotiates with the government in Beirut on the troops' full removal.

In Damascus, tens of thousands of people took over the main streets, singing national songs and proclaiming their loyalty to President Bashar Assad.

One banner addressed to the president read: "We are all with you, who makes the right decisions."

Thousands of Syria's red, white and black flags with its two green stars streamed in the wind.

"We sacrifice our blood and our souls for you, oh Bashar!" chanted marchers in the upscale Mezzeh neighborhood,

"Nobody can get Syria out from Lebanon's heart and mind," a banner read. "No for antagonist pressures against Syria," another said.

The rally came a day after Syria's allies in Lebanon made a thundering show of their strength, with hundreds of thousands turning out for a protest organized by the Shiite Muslim Hezbollah guerrilla group to denounce pressure from the United States, France and the United Nations.

The redeployment was the first phase of a plan announced Monday by Assad and Lahoud.

The 14,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon are to pull back to the eastern Bekaa Valley, then to the border before both sides work out their departure from Lebanon.

Lebanese officials said the pullback would be completed by March 23 and the full withdrawal would come soon after, but gave no dates.

Lebanese Defense Minister Abdul-Rahim Murad said the movement would include the main Syrian intelligence offices in Beirut, a key Lebanese opposition and U.S. demand.

President Bush said Wednesday that Syria's withdrawal plans are just a "a half measure" and that Syrian intelligence services exercise "heavy handed" influence in Lebanon's government.

Bush reiterated his call on Syria to remove all of its soldiers and intelligence forces from Lebanon and said the United States was consulting with allies about possible steps if Damascus refuses.

In Lebanon's mountains, Syrian soldiers flashed victory signs and waved automatic rifles as they drove east through Lebanon's mountains in the first phase of a pullback.

Syrian soldiers were also moving out from bases in northern and central Lebanon that they have held for almost three decades, and Lebanese troops were taking their place.

The Syrians waved at watching journalists as they loaded supplies, packed up their personal belongings and drove east.

From a truck hauling a 155 mm cannon, a first lieutenant said, "Some of us are going to Syria and some to the Bekaa."

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Campus News

It's a 'Farry' tale: Student lands Today Show internship

By Ben Snyder
Campus Writer & Her Boyfriend

Sophomore Liz Farry would love to be "the next Katie Couric," and her upcoming summer internship with NBC will hopefully jumpstart an illustrious broadcasting career.

Farry, a broadcast communications major, landed the summer internship with NBC's "Weekend Today" show this semester, after a nerve-wracking drive to New York City and ensuing interview. Farry recounts the fateful day of Saturday, Feb. 12, when she had her big interview.

"I got to the city around 11 o'clock with my roommate and sister. My appointment was at noon, so we walked around the city a bit and went into the NBC studio's store for awhile. Around 11:45, I went to the front desk of 30 Rockefeller Center to get a security pass to go up to the tenth floor. They took my I.D., took my picture, and gave me a pass," she said.

"I then waited for another intern to come down and accompany me up to the tenth floor. The intern was very nice and talkative and not much older than me. When we got to the tenth floor he took me into an office with big windows that had a view of the streets outside. He asked for my resume and asked questions about what I did at school and what I expected from the internship," she said.

"He then took me into the main producer's office. She asked me more questions about what I wanted to eventually do and things like that. She then asked me when I could start. After that, they escorted me downstairs and I spent the rest of the day in the city!" she added.

Farry hails from New Jersey and is accustomed to visiting New York City, but this time is different: she is immersed in frenzied excitement. Figuratively, it is Christmas in New York for her, and she got "presents" (landing an internship) as opposed to "coal" (returning to Westminster empty-handed and disappointed).

"I was in total shock. It was completely surreal sitting up in a nice office looking out the 10th floor window to a busy New York street. It was like something out of a movie," says the effervescent Farry.

Farry is not the only person excited about her internship.

"I wonder if she'll get to meet a whole bunch of famous people, and maybe she'll get to try the food when they have chefs on the show," said Michele Truax.

The exact details of her job description as an intern can best be described as "behind the scenes" work. She will likely be performing a broad range of tasks; some will require creativity and resourcefulness, while others might be menial (running errands and fetching coffee for TV personalities springs to mind). She will be working with a variety of people who work on the show, including producers, writers, and other interns.

"I'll probably be dubbing tapes and distributing scripts and things like that...other than that, it's my responsibility to ask around to find out things to help people out with," says Farry. "I really want to see how the talent prepares off screen. I'd also like to see how the producers and writers prepare for show."

In essence, she will be doing whatever she is told to do while, at the same time, gaining priceless experience in a professional working environment. Though her name will likely not be in the credits or her face on TV, she will have had contributed something to each production.

"I'm just hoping that I can stand out enough, because it's a very dog eat dog business. I want this internship to lead to future career options. I hope that I can prove that I can do more than just get coffee," says Farry.

When she reports to the Rockefeller Center this summer, Farry will meet Lester Holt and Campbell Brown; she will be working with them during the weekdays. She hopes to meet well-known newscasters Katie Couric and/or Al Roker, but because they are on during the weekdays and not on The Weekend Today show, she may or may not get a chance. However, since she will be in to work during the week, she is hopeful that she will meet the celebrated broadcasting duo.

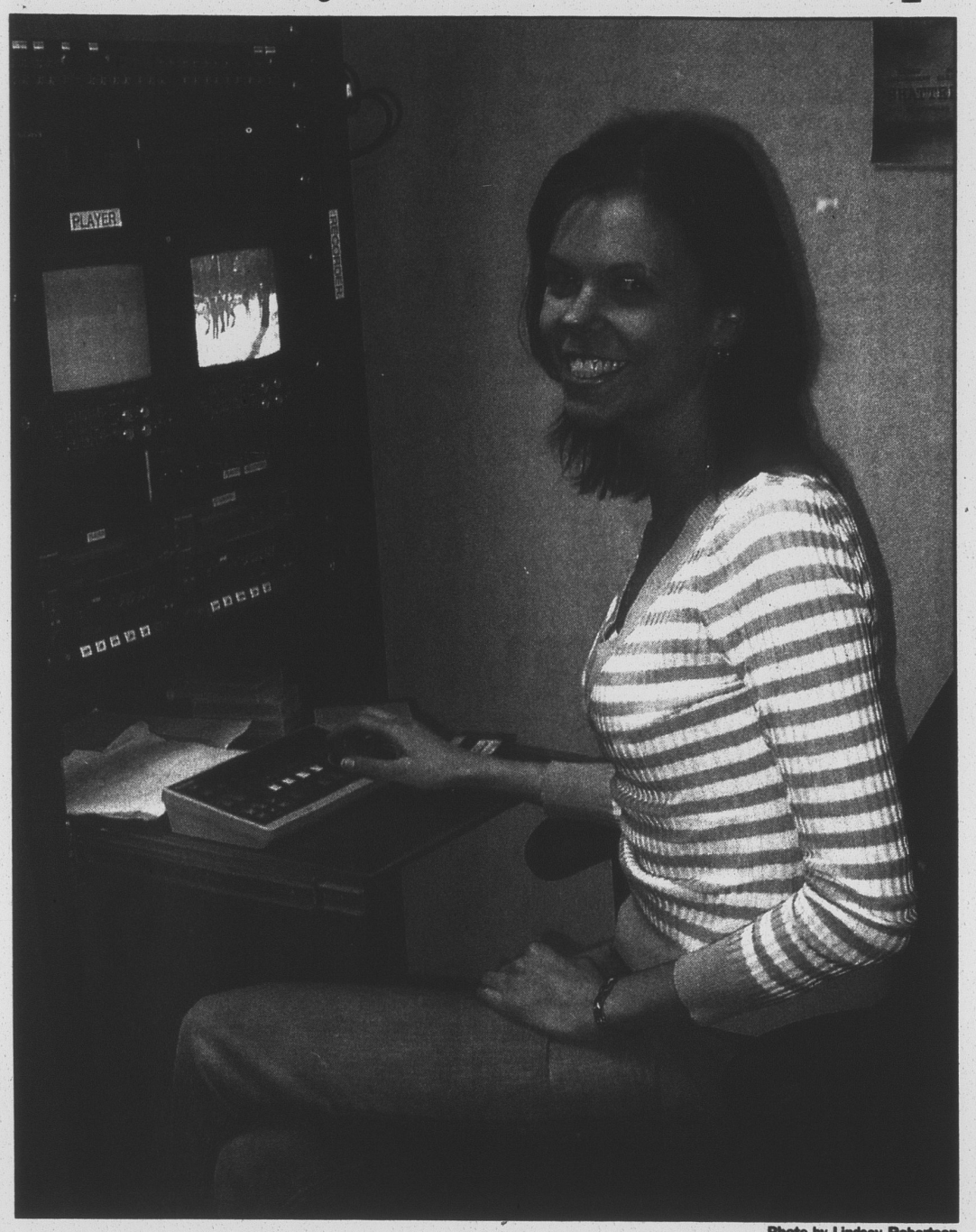
As of yet, Farry does not know whether or not she will be staying in New York for the duration of the internship. She may be staying with a cousin who will be living in lower Manhattan or share an apartment with a friend who will be working in the city. If those options fail to materialize, she will be commuting from her home in New Jersey.

"I'll be working 9-5 Wednesday through Friday, but probably later on Fridays. Then on the weekends, I'll work 5:30-11:30ish on Saturday and 6:30-11:30ish on Sundays because those are the show days," said Farry.

Farry believes that her hands-on education at Westminster prepared her well for her interview. On campus, she is a news anchor and reporter for "The County Line" on Westminster's Cable Network station. She helps out with "Coach's Corner," has a radio shift during the week, and is the news director for Titan Radio. Despite her packed schedule, she also somehow manages to be the secretary of Kappa Delta sorority.

She gives credit to her "hands-on" experience at Westminster and to her professors for her successful interviewing process. She talked to her professors well in advance of her trip to New York and gained valuable insight on the interviewing process.

"They told me everything I should expect and what I should do," said Farry.



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Sophomore broadcasting major Liz Farry works as the news director for Titan Radio. She will apply her experience this summer in New York City, where she will be working as an intern for The Weekend Today Show.

Photo by Johnny Johnston

Getting ready for graduation

Stephanie Hitchcock tries on her cap and gown on Senior Salute Day on Friday, March 7. Seniors also had the opportunity to reserve a yearbook and donate to the senior class gift.

'Rockin' for the Troops' concert to send songs of hope to Iraq

By Bob Allen
Campus Writer

Long after the College Republicans wrapped up their Christmas project-packing up and shipping out hundreds of CDs to those US troops stationed in Iraq- this weekend the group is bringing out the good cheer again.

"Rockin' for the Troops," a concert in their honor, begins March 12 at 8 p.m. in the Berlin Student Lounge.

All patrons must bring is one CD in donation for the soldiers.

"I actually coordinated the idea with Seth O'Conner, who is President of the College Republicans at another college and a member of one of the bands playing, The Masons," said Jessica Rummel, former president of the College Republicans.

"Seth had learned that many of the troops liked to get CDs to listen to during their off time, so a charity had been started to send them donated CDs," she added.

Joining The Masons, will be Westminster's own band, Springhill.

"I am really excited that my band is getting the opportunity to play for the students as well as for a good cause," said Chip Hothem, the drummer for Springhill and a sophomore English and history major.

Rummel echoed Hothem's excitement for the cause.

"I think it will be a really great way to show our support for what those men and women are doing for our country," said Rummel.

The College Republicans want this event to shine.

"We had a drive in November, but did not get as many CDs as we would like. So we are having this concert to collect more to send," said Rummel.

Friday's showcased event during the CPC Lil'Sibs Weekend is the "Rockin for the Troops" concert.

"I hope with it being during Lil' Sibs weekend that we can attract more people to the concert. Lil' Sibs families only have to give one CD per family," said Rummel.

College Republicans president Tom Burkhart, who is also chair of CPC, noted the advantage to having the events on the same weekend.

Rockin for the Troops
Featuring Springhill & The Masons

Saturday, March 12
8 p.m.
Berlin Student Lounge
Admission: 1 CD

"We always need fun events for our visitors to take part in," Burkhart said. "When Jess mentioned having "Rockin' for the Troops" during Lil'Sibs I knew it was a great idea. This will give us the chance to show the students' families how many fun and beneficial events we have on campus during the weekends."

"Lil' Sibs weekend is a perfect time to showcase what we have spent so much time working on: music," said Hothem. "There's nothing better than playing in front of friends and students."

Anyone looking for more information about "Rockin' for the Troops" can contact Burkhart at extension 7996.

Lil' Sibs Weekend hopes to encourage future student generations

By Nick Adams
Campus Writer

This weekend little brothers and sisters will get the chance to pretend to be college students, without having to deal with projects and classes.

The Campus Programming Committee-sponsored "Lil' Sibs" event kicks off its 15th year Friday and offers students and siblings the opportunity to spend time together Luau style.

"Lil' Sibs Weekend has many things to offer, between t-shirts, prizes, Luau dinners, movies, dart tournaments and karaoke," said Lil' Sibs Coordinator Megan Swank.

"There is something that everyone will be interested in. It is a chance for little sisters and brothers to see what it's really like to live at Westminster College, while having activities that they will enjoy."

Two of the big events of the weekend include a Retro Dance, sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega and the College Republican's Rockin' for the Troops concert.

Other events include a brunch and dinner each day, pool and dart tournaments, bowling, and movies.

"Lil' Sibs" weekend is even responsible for sparking an interest in attending Westminster when some current students experienced it with their older siblings.

"It was one of the reasons I chose this college," freshman Jessica Miller said. "I came up last year to visit my sister and I got to experience things that a simple brochure in the mail couldn't provide."

Senior Kevin Gesacion echoed Miller's comments.

"I came to visit my brother when I was 14 and I think I knew then that I wanted my college experience to be at Westminster," Gesacion said.

"The fact of the matter is that kids tend to choose the same college as their older sibling, and I think that this college, with the Lil' Sibs Weekend helps to contribute to that fact."

The campus community and the people involved in organizing the weekend are excited and are looking forward to the festivities.

"It is my personal goal to create an atmosphere for siblings, family members, and friends to come together and build strong relationships, especially since many college students do not have the opportunity to go home very often, and when they do, they do not have a lot of time to spend one on one with their siblings when they are home on breaks," Swank said.

Campus News

Jobs

Student employment to be eliminated

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The school must pay the other 25 percent or $84,000 for the current fiscal year.

"We've done that so that there are enough jobs and we can say that we can provide jobs to every work-study eligible student, we can deliver," said Williamson.

"We want to make sure that the jobs are available for the students who need them the most."

However, just because the government says a student is not in "need" of a job, does not mean the student does not need a job. "While this proposal seems like a noble cause, who is the school to say who needs the money first," said Mills. "The FAFSA does not take into consideration all aspects of a family's financial status when determining who is work-study eligible."

Once students eligible for work study have had their chance to get a job, opportunities for ineligible students will be opened, granted there are positions remaining.

In that event that there are no positions remaining, those who are not work-study eligible may therefore be forced to look off-campus for new jobs. "I can't promise jobs for everyone in shrinking student employment," Williamson said. "Resources get skinnier, we can't do it all."

The current student employees of information systems will feel the heaviest loss. Of 80 current IS employees, 31 of them are paid from employment rather than work study.

Some of these jobs are help desk technicians and master proctors. Because these positions require specialized knowledge, there is a limited number of people who are able to fill them. There is also the possibility that current full-time information system employees would be asked to train additional help desk staff.

"You could train me until you're blue in the face, but I still won't know how to fix a computer," said Mills.

Williamson is aware that there will probably be fewer proctors and thus fewer hours of lab availability. At an all-campus meeting on Thursday, March 3, he stated that there is a distinct possibility that labs would be open without proctors if no proctors are available. Instead, other student information systems employees would perform lab maintenance.

"Back in the old days, it was important to have proctors in every one of the labs," said Williamson. "Students who come to Westminster these days are...computer capable. We want to be providing resources to students, not over-providing."

Many students come to campus with their own computers, but the labs are still essential to commuter students, Life Long Learning Program students and students without printers, as well as students who want a quiet place to work and have computer access while doing so.

Student affairs, which includes the information desk staff, will be affected by this, too, as well as departmental jobs. Some paid positions, though, such as those in student publications, residence life and SGA, are unaffected by this program since those positions are based on stipends rather than work study or employment.

"Very few exceptions will be made," said Williamson.

A department would have to petition the college for permission to hire a non-work study student. However, work-study eligible students would be able to appeal to the financial aid office in the event that they feel there have been denied a job which they should have been awarded.

This new program has not been influenced by a change in any state or federal law, nor is it a collective change among other groups of colleges. It is something that, as far as Williamson knows, only Westminster is doing.

"[The program] has really given us an opportunity to see how student employment hasn't been handled," said Williamson. "We haven't looked at this in a number of years... Periodically, every college has to ask, 'Are we getting the best bang for our buck?'."

Mills, student information desk coordinator and former vice president of SGA, sent out a draft resolution on March 2 in regards to the issue. The resolution asked that all current students who are not eligible for work study be grandfathered in to this program and that only after the class of 2008 will department supervisors need to petition the administration to receive permission to hire students ineligible for work study.

"The resolution was never passed," said Jess Rummel, former president of SGA. "It was tabled until the college president can come to SGA to speak on the matter."

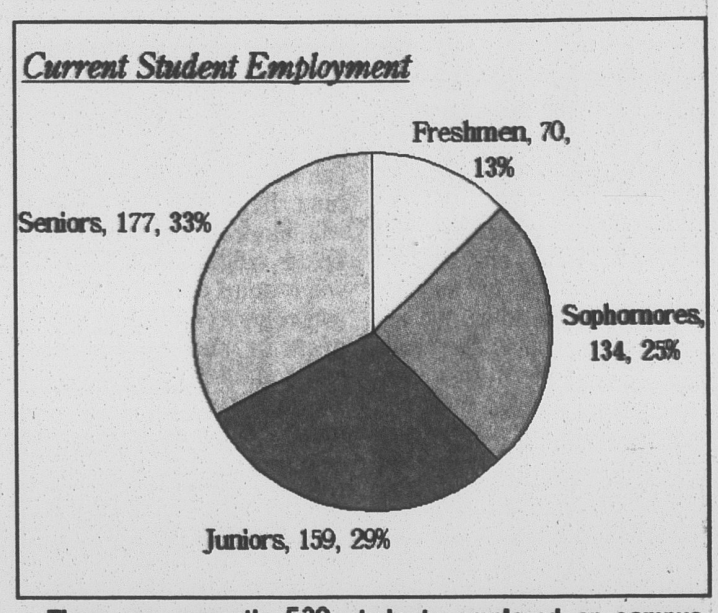
There were rumors among students that new faculty was being hired to administer the influx of work study students. Williamson said that no new staff is being hired, but that the career center would be working in conjunction with the financial aid office to help place students in jobs after their freshman year.

Some departments have voiced their extreme concern for their valuable student employees. Information systems, the largest employer of students, would lose up to 25 percent of its current student staff, not including students who are not able to work next semester because of scheduling conflicts.

"We want to be as considerate as we can, but there are so many people in so many departments involved that we have to have hard fast rules in order to push it through and have it understood by everybody," said Williamson. "Once we do, I think we'll have a better system for students and faculty and the college."

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

Junior Shannon McClain points students in the right direction at the information desk in the campus center. Information desk employees will be affected by the proposed policy to be implemented in the fall.



There are currently 530 students employed on campus, 342 of which are paid via work study and 188 students are on employment. This year, of 170 work study eligible freshmen, only 33 have jobs. The other 37 of the 70 noted in the chart above are on employment. Next year, when the new program goes into effect, there will be closer to 130 work study eligible freshmen with jobs. Source: Business Office.

Slate Udanis takes SGA office, looks to future changes

By Colin Dean
Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, only one group of students has banded together to form a slate to run the following year's Student Government Association.

This year, Slate Udanis, led by junior Nicole Lee Udanis, ran unopposed to control one of the most powerful student organizations on campus and officially took office on Wednesday, March 9.

The outgoing leadership of the association, Slate Rummel, was also unopposed when it ran this time last year. Previously, slate Atkins ran versus Slate Houston in 2003.

"The basis of our slate is experience," says Udanis, a math major who is currently serving as the special events committee chairwoman.

"We are all currently involved in SGA therefore we are all up to date as to what SGA is doing for the campus at this time. We are confident that our slate will continue the success of our former slates."

Slate Udanis includes Udanis for president, sophomore Seth McClarey for vice president, sophomore Sherri Breitigan for treasurer, junior Colter McElree for secretary, sophomore Jen Ramsey for judicial chair, junior Brenton Gilmore for academics chair, junior Rachel Donner for finance chair, sophomore Joelle Wells for public relations chair and sophomore Leah Mazzocca for special events chair.

"Speaking for the whole slate, I know that we are all ready to take office and implement all of our new ideas stated in our platform," said Donner, a math major.

As part of its platform, the slate plans to improve the relay ideas discussed at Board of Trustee meetings and invite presidents of on campus organizations to accompany their treasurers to finance meetings held each semester.

Also, the slate seeks to improve parking conditions and inform students of New Wilmington borough council decisions. As is required by the SGA bylaws, the slate has published their platform, and it is available in the student affairs office.

"This year, the special events committee will hold an activity once per month," said Mazzocca.

"We will have holiday parties, homecoming celebrations, an all campus formal, and a trip to New York City to name a few."

"I am very pleased with Slate Udanis," said senior Jess Rummel, current president of SGA. I think they are properly prepared because all of their members are currently in SGA."

"Some may argue that it prevents them from thinking 'outside the box', but I think it makes them experienced in knowing how realistic some objectives can be in accomplishing. People who aren't in SGA often assume that they can change anything they want, and this slate knows better."

Photo by Johnny Johnston

Slate Udanis holds an executive meeting in the SGA office. The slate includes, from left to right, Jen Ramsey, Seth McClarey, Colter McElree, Nicole Lee Udanis, Rachel Donner, Brenton Gilmore, Leah Mazzocca and Joelle Wells. Missing from photo: Sherri Breitigan.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 31	High 32	High 33	High 38	High 44	High 43	High 42
Low 17	Low 16	Low 22	Low 26	Low 26	Low 26	Low 21
A bit of snow or flurries	Mostly cloudy with a flurry	A flurry possible; windy	Intervals of clouds and sun	Clouds and some sun	Partly sunny	A couple of showers possible

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	6:38 a.m.	6:25 p.m.
Sunday	6:36 a.m.	6:26 p.m.
Monday	6:35 a.m.	6:27 p.m.
Tuesday	6:33 a.m.	6:28 p.m.
Wednesday	6:31 a.m.	6:29 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Saturday	7:50 a.m.	9:21 p.m.
Sunday	8:13 a.m.	10:32 p.m.
Monday	8:40 a.m.	11:41 p.m.
Tuesday	9:10 a.m.	none
Wednesday	9:47 a.m.	12:47 a.m.

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Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Mar 17	Mar 25	Apr 1	Apr 8

Weather History

Run-off from winter snow followed by torrential rain led to massive flooding on the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania and New York on this date in 1936.

Regional Cities

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	27	19	sn	31	16	sf	33	20	sf	38	27	c	41	27	c
Butler, PA	30	15	sn	30	18	sf	32	22	sf	38	27	sf	45	28	c
Cambridge, OH	32	21	sn	34	19	sf	36	23	pc	42	27	c	47	30	c
Canton, OH	28	19	sn	32	17	sf	34	21	sf	39	26	c	42	28	c
Cincinnati, OH	31	24	sf	37	22	pc	40	26	pc	43	29	c	49	32	c
Clarion, PA	28	18	sn	29	16	sf	31	18	sf	38	24	i	42	25	pc
Clarksburg, WV	34	23	sn	32	24	sf	36	25	c	42	27	r	48	27	pc
Cleveland, OH	28	16	sn	28	18	sf	32	23	sf	37	27	c	43	28	s
Columbus, OH	30	22	sf	34	20	pc	38	24	pc	42	30	c	46	31	pc
Cumberland, MD	36	22	sf	37	21	sf	36	22	sf	43	26	r	47	28	s
Erie, PA	25	18	sn	29	18	sf	30	21	sf	35	26	c	40	27	pc
Franklin, PA	29	19	sn	29	17	sf	32	19	sf	39	25	i	43	26	c
Greensburg, PA	33	22	sn	35	21	sf	35	23	sf	41	29	sn	45	30	pc
Greenville, PA	29	18	sn	29	17	sf	32	20	sf	35	25	c	43	25	c
Grove City, PA	30	19	sn	31	18	sf	32	20	sf	39	26	c	44	25	c
Hagerstown, MD	38	25	sf	37	23	pc	38	24	pc	45	25	pc	49	29	s
Indiana, PA	34	23	sn	37	22	sf	35	23	sf	40	28	sn	45	28	pc
Jamestown, NY	24	17	sn	25	14	sf	26	16	sf	31	23	sn	37	23	pc
Kittanning, PA	33	21	sn	35	21	sf	35	23	sf	41	28	sn	46	29	pc
Lisbon, OH	30	19	sn	32	17	sf	33	21	c	38	26	c	43	27	c
Mansfield, OH	28	18	sn	30	15	sf	32	20	sf	38	26	c	44	27	pc
Marietta, OH	33	24	sn	36	23	pc	37	25	pc	44	29	r	50	31	pc
McKeesport, PA	32	18	sn	30	18	sf	33	24	sf	40	26	i	44	29	c
Meadville, PA	26	18	sn	27	16	sf	31	19	sf	34	24	c	42	26	c
Morgantown, WV	33	23	sn	37	21	sf	37	24	sf	42	27	r	47	30	c
New Castle, PA	31	19	sn	32	19	sf	34	21	sf	39	27	c	45	27	c
Oil City, PA	30	19	sn	29	17	sf	32	20	sf	40	26	i	44	26	c
Pittsburgh, PA	30	18	sn	30	18	sf	33	24	sf	40	26	sf	46	28	c
Sharon, PA	31	18	sn	31	17	sf	32	20	sf	36	24	c	43	25	c
Somerset, PA	29	18	sn	29	17	sf	28	18	sf	35	24	i	41	25	s
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Washington, PA	31	20	sn	33	18	sf	36	20	c	41	23	sn	43	27	pc
Waynesburg, PA	32	21	sn	35	19	sf	36	22	sf	41	25	sn	46	29	pc
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Zanesville, OH	33	21	sn	34	20	sf	37	23	pc	43	27	c	48	29	c

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Boston meets Michigan

Sophomore swimmer continues his season at the national level with NCAA championships

Tom Heath
Sports Editor

What a semester on an athletic end, tremendous to say the least. After an unreal season, as well as a win at the PAC/Grove City Invitational Swim meet, for one swimmer, the season still goes on.

Ryan Trunk, known as Boston to friends, will compete next weekend at the NCAA Championships at Hope College in Holland, Mich.

This is quite the accomplishment considering what I learned during my chat with Trunk and Coach Klamut.

"When Ryan first came to school here, he was worried about just making the team. He was raw talent and has without a doubt come a long way." Klamut also noted that he is a very impressive swimmer within his events.

"He has definitely come a long way in the aspect of times. His best last year was 46.86 and this year it's at 45.49."

Klamut mentioned that it's very difficult to makes gains, especially in sprint events like the 100-meter.

Many accomplished swimmers are happy with an improvement in times of tenths of a second and to improve by over a whole second is remarkable.

At Case Western a few weekends ago, Trunk tried to improve upon his times, while it wasn't his fastest time all season, he still broke the pool record.

Although swimming is thought of to many as an individual sport, the Titans make it a team sport. These guys and girls push each other everyday at practice push each other to the limits.

Klamut and Trunk both agreed that having fast teammates as well as ones that compete with one another makes everyone better.

"This team wants to take no time off, they will train year round," Klamut noted.

I spoke with a few members on the team this week and even though they were happy to see the season end in some ways, they are sad to see the pool drained for repairs.

Nate Horrell is one prime example of taking no time off. He wasn't able to make a cut for nationals, but in support of Trunk and the team, he continues to train along side and will accompany him this coming weekend.

"It's much easier to train and push yourself when you have someone there with you," Horrell said.

Trunk is currently ranked 4th in the nation in the 100 free. Tenths of a second separate all of the competitors, so this should be quite the event. Along with Trunk, there are two swimmers from Grove City who also qualified.

Trunk is the first local freestyle swimmer to make it to nations, and this includes when the Titans competed in the NAIA. The only other swimmer to make it to the NCAA meet was Jim Mann in the backstroke in 2003. However, Trunk is the first to make an "A" cut.

Both Klamut and Trunk are thrilled for the opportunity to compete for the national 100-meter title. One year ago, neither one last year would have imagined success like this is just one year.

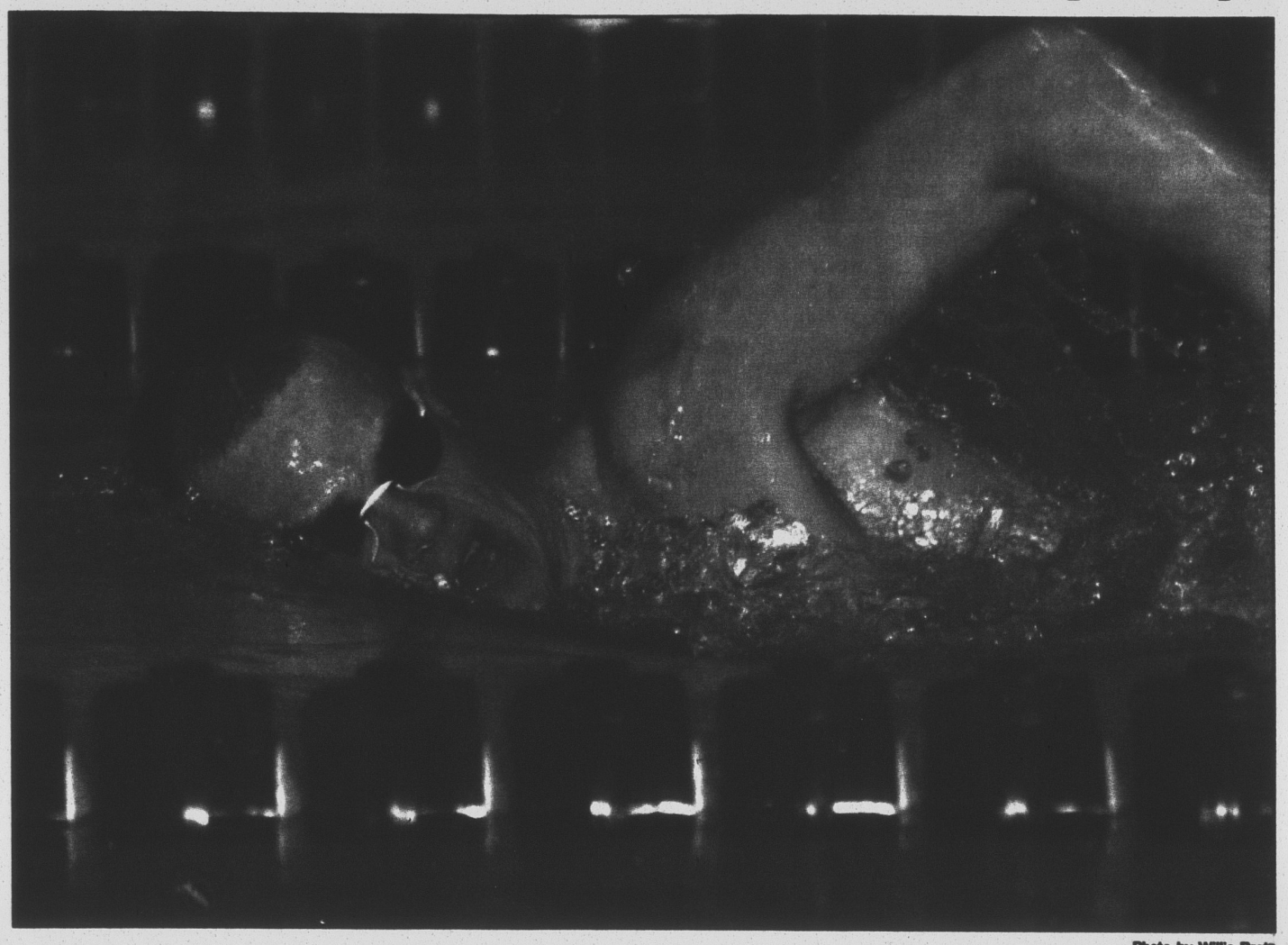


Photo by Willis Bretz

Although the regular swimming season is over, sophomore Ryan Trunk continues to practice for national competition. He will compete in three events at the NCAA Division III championships in Michigan next weekend.

Lady Titans fall to Messiah College, ending a dream season

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The dream season came to an end, as the lady Titans fell to Messiah College 69-43 in the second round of the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament.

The Titans seemed to be a little blown away in the contest and Messiah led comfortably in the first half.

The Falcons took a 14-point lead into halftime as the Titans trailed 32-18.

The second half was the same as the first for the Titans, as the Falcon lead grew to double digits.

The Titan defense was unable to find the answers needed to bring the Titans back into the game.

The ladies were lead by senior Erica Tallo, who was the only player to score in double figures, as she poured in ten points.

Sophomore Desiree Sterling was held in check, as she was only able to score nine points in the contest.

Guards Alyson Gasper and Maria Joseph scored seven points each in the losing effort. Sophomore Rachel Eaton led the team in rebounds as she grabbed five for the ladies.

Senior Mary Jane Eaton was also a contributor on defense as she came up with three steals.

The Titans simply had no answer to the amazing shooting done by Messiah as they shot 57.4 percent from the field, while the Titans only shot 38 percent.

Along with that, the Falcons were also 55 percent from the three-point line making six of 11 shots.

Surprisingly, the lady Titans were out rebounded 29-23 in the contest, which is a rare occasion for a Titans opponent.

However, the lady Titans had a wonderful season and the college hopes to see more like this from them in the future. Great season Titans!

Living vicariously through Tiger

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

America loves an intense and competitive sports rivalry.

In a society fueled by consumerism and competition, rivalries emerge to ground sports fans to their American heroes.

Baseball succeeds in revenue and interest when the Yankees and Red Sox are successful. I've often said that no other teams matter.

Football succeeds when there's a fierce rivalry. In the 1970s, the Steelers and the Raiders were the best of the best.

In the 1980s, the 49ers and Bengals played tightly contested Super Bowls.

These years are often referred to as the years that allowed pro football to supplant pro baseball as America's national past time.

On Sunday, March 6, though we saw the fall of college basketball's last remaining undefeated team, the sports' foremost rivalry was the story of the day.

Sure, though the Illinois Fighting Illini fell, 65-54, to a rascally and inspired pack of Ohio State Buckeyes, college basketball's best game transpired on Tobacco Road.

In another installment of the second-best rivalry in sports, the North Carolina Tar Heels rallied to down the Duke Blue Devils by the count of 75-73.

In the waning minutes, Carolina toughened up to rally off the game's final 11 points.

Led by Sean May's 26 points, the Tar Heels captured their first Atlantic Coast Conference crown under Head Coach, and former Dean Smith assistant, Roy Williams.

While Duke and Carolina were playing the role of old foes in Chapel Hill, in Doral, Florida, at the PGA Ford Championship, every golf fan's dreams were coming to fruition.

On Sunday, Tiger Woods, in his Sunday red and out for blood, chased Phil Mickelson.

It was a battle of not only two of the world's best golfers, but also two of the world's most popular golfers.

Tiger and Phil played ebb and flow on the last nine holes.

Tiger took the final lead on the 17th hole and captured the tournament when Lefty's desperation chip rimmed out on the final hole.

For the first time in a long time, Tiger had his groove back.

This time was different, however. There was someone else there to challenge him. The game's most talented and most marketable players battled until the 72nd hole. That's golf's revenue dream.

Ultimately, America has become a sports society because sports and competition reflect American ideals.

In our lust for competition and excellence, we're drawn to superior athletes because in them hide elements of Manifest Destiny.

In our sports heroes—the Idiot Red Sox, the right-wing Yankees, a shark-like Tiger, a soccer dad Mickelson—we see a little bit of ourselves.

Vicariously, we sink the 20-foot putts to claim green jackets and catch touchdown passes to hoist silver trophies. Vicariously, we're heroes.

We lust for competition. We lust for excellence. It's part of the American experience.

Baseball team preparing to compete for PAC championship

Now entering his second year as head baseball coach at Westminster, Carmen Nocera looks at the 2004 season as a learning experience.

With that first season of experience under the team's belt and a talented recruiting class set to join a solid nucleus of returnees, the 2005 campaign should be an exciting one for the Titan baseball program.

The 2004 Titan diamondmen improved as the season progressed, winning 15 of their final 25 contests after a 3-12 start to finish the campaign at 18-22 overall, including a 6-9 mark in the PAC.

Nocera returns 14 lettermen from last year's squad in 2005 and, coupled with several talented newcomers, believes the program has the talent to compete for the PAC championship this season.

A pair of senior all-conference performers will lead the program this season. Senior outfielder Brooks LeViere was an All-PAC First-Team selection and also earned ABCA All-Mideast Region Second Team laurels.

In 2004, LeViere posted a .369 batting average (48-of-130) while posting 10 doubles, one triple, 10 home runs, 40 runs scored, 10 stolen bases, and 40 RBIs. He led the team in home runs, runs scored and RBIs, while his homer total tied the Westminster single-season record. He was joined on the all-conference teams by senior first baseman Brian Andrews, a second team honoree. Andrews recorded a team-best .407 batting average (37-of-91) with eight doubles, six home runs, 24 runs scored, four stolen bases, and 23 RBIs last season.

Three other returning starters in the field include senior outfielder Kevin Gesacion, senior shortstop Ron Florian and senior DH Brad Hochendoner.

Gesacion batted .342 and led the team and conference with 21 steals. Florian hit .303 with nine doubles and 18 RBIs, while Hochendoner posted a .320 average with eight doubles and 17 RBIs.

The pitching staff boasts several returnees, including senior Mike Mackin, juniors Evan Triplett, Brenton Gilmore, and Jason Mackey, and sophomore Tony Cunningham. Triplett led the team with a 5-1 record and 2.89 ERA in 2004, while Cunningham led the team with 59 innings pitched as a freshman, posting a 3-3 record and 4.42 ERA. Mackey was 0-1 with a 4.91 ERA in 11 appearances, primarily in relief. Both Gilmore (3-2, 4.98 ERA) and Mackin (1-3, 5.95 ERA) return to the starting rotation.

Other 2004 returning lettermen looking for additional playing time in 2005 include senior catcher Joe Switalski, junior outfielders Steve Brink (.354 average, nine steals) and Anthony Carna (six runs), and junior infielders Mark Francazio (.310 average, one triple, one home run) and Ed DeRose. Senior catcher Ricky Straw), who saw playing time in 2003 before missing much of 2004 due to injury, also returns.

Rounding out the list of returnees in 2005 are junior OF Stephen Franklin and sophomores P Steve Sylvester, 1B Mike O'Leary, C/1B Tom Fee, and OF Dan Conti.

The 2005 newcomers are led by 18 talented freshmen, including three local products from Neshannock High School's 2004 state title team in C Colby Beeson, OF Brian Chrobak, and 2B Don Kirkwood. Other Lawrence County recruits include C John Cochran, OF Dave Colella, P Joe Onufrak, P Craig Hannon, P Andy Robison, and OF James Pedula.

Other freshmen to watch include pitchers Scott Carney, Jake Camuso and Jake Zatchok; catcher D.J. Yokley; 1B Joe O'Hara; 2B Chris Norris and outfielders Travis Bied, Corey Piel, and Don Womeldorff.

Upperclassmen suiting up for the Titan baseball team for the first time are senior OF Zach Saxman, junior OF Sean Henderson and sophomore 1B T.J. Renninger.

Sports Shorts

Indoor Track

The men's & women's indoor track & field teams competed at the 2005 ECAC Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships, held at St. Lawrence University's Newell Field House over the weekend.

Freshman Jessica Cooper was the lone Westminster athlete to place at the event, as she finished in eighth place in the women's high jump with a mark of 5-1 3/4.

The Westminster men's & women's outdoor track & field teams open the 2005 season at the Clarion Early Bird Invitational on Saturday, Mar. 26 beginning at 11 a.m.

Tennis

The men's tennis team improved to 2-1 on the season last Friday in Monroeville, as the Titan netters posted an 9-0 non-conference sweep of Pitt-Greensburg.

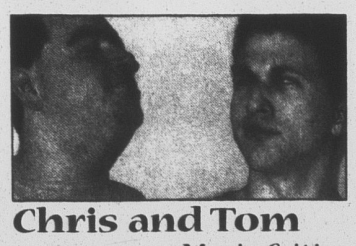
Westminster had six players posted double wins against UP-G. The senior duo of Sam Seo and Dave Molitor won at #1 and #2 singles, respectively, while also teaming for victory at #1 doubles. Junior Ben Libert and freshman Gene Cunningham captured #3 and #5 singles, respectively, while capturing #3 doubles.

Finally, junior brothers Bryan Gesinski and Chris Gesinski teamed for a win at #2 doubles, with Bryan winning at #4 singles and Chris capturing #6 singles.

The men return to the courts Saturday, as the Titans host W & J in their PAC opener at 11 a.m.

Arts & Entertainment

The Pacifier and Be Cool: one surprise, one disappointment



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

This past weekend, three new movies were released. What did all three of these films, The Pacifier, Be Cool and The Jacket, have in common? Horrible names.

The Jacket, which was advertised as a horror movie, but seems to actually be a psychological drama, was not worth our time. The Pacifier didn't seem like it would be either.

In a lesson on not betting when you might lose, however, Chris was dragged to see Mr. Diesel's newest motion picture.

CHRIS: Dragged is putting it lightly. Partly because I resist the notion of the days of Arnold and Sly being gone, partly because I cannot respect a man that goes by Vin, and partly because the rest of his movies were horrible, I never would have imagined myself going to see The Pacifier.

I was wrong. Partly because I was having such a good day, partly because the snow seemed to finally be melting, and partly because I had such incredibly low expectations, I somehow enjoyed the movie. Let me tell you how.

The story revolves around Navy S.E.A.L. Shane Wolf who for once in his life puts a little slack on the rules and an important man is whacked. Reassigned to watch over the family of said whacked man while the mother is away, Shane learns what life is like for the rest of the world and discovers that behind all the muscle is a heart of gold.

Simple, cheesy, and mind-numbing the story has been more or less done before by the Governator in Kindergarten Cop. Now, tell me one person that doesn't love Kindergarten Cop?

Much the same, The Pacifier exploits the hero's ridiculous size and makes a mockery of the action genre.

As a result, we know so much about the Wolf character from other action movies that the film jumps right into the comedy.

From there it is one gag after another. Some are for the kids and some are for the parents. However, there is humor in it all.

The film mixes the humor with some serious moments to give some actual character growth as well as a story arc. The film puts in so much more effort than it had to that I am still thinking about why the screenwriter used up so many of his ideas in this little film.

The foreshadowing is so subtle that you think the film is just throwing things at you, however, everything is paid off in the end and the story is as tightly written as a light-hearted family action comedy can get.

The film has some moments where it is more cheesy than funny and there is enough violence to make it a bad choice for some kids but enough to appeal to the teenage audience (like Kindergarten Cop).

The Pacifier now stands, though, as the biggest surprise of the year.

Most critics panned the movie but, more than likely, you will have fun. My Vin Diesel rage still wants me to give the film an F, but The Pacifier deserves a B+.

We both saw Be Cool, the sequel to Get Shorty. It begins with Chili, now a movie mogul, having lunch with a soon-to-be-dead James Woods.

The action picks up for a second and then never comes back. Apparently to be cool you must have to talk all the time and act like a big shot but never do anything about it.

There is no plot to recap for the film. Relatively the same as Get Shorty, just in the music industry instead, Be Cool tries to force about 20 characters into two hours while still maintaining focus on Travolta's Chili Palmer.

Every character is shelled down to a minimum: Vince Vaughn's Raji wants to be a gangsta, Harvey Keitel's Nick Carr is always on the phone, Uma Thurman is always cute and helpless, Steven Tyler is always the lead singer of Aerosmith.

Okay so it's not all a stretch.

However, some of the stretches destroy the film. There is not a single male African-American that does not have a gun. One is a cop and the others are all itching to kill.

The stereotype is pushed so much that there little belief that this is how the music world exists.

The lack of self-respect for these characters is fueled by the others around them. N-

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words come from many characters mouths, most of the time just to create a racial confrontation.

The African-Americans don't get to have all the fun, though. Homosexuals are another target of the movie. The Rock's bodyguard character, Elliot Wilhelm (nice name), is gay.

The Rock being gay is a joke. The movie thinks the joke is to call him prejudice names and make fun of his lifestyle. Non-stop.

An amazingly large chunk of the film is devoted to this and it comes from nearly every character but Chili.

Despite the stereotypes, the film still fails. Too many characters confuse the script which is poorly written. The pacing is extremely slow and the film leaves more loose ends than it ties.

The people who are the most villainous get away and those that are relatively harmless take the brunt of the punishment.

By the time the audience finally gets to the MTV Video Awards (yes that is what you spent two hours waiting for) they're not likely to realize that the song being sung is pretty much the same line over and over again.

The point is, if you want to be cool, avoid Be Cool. Go watch Vin as a mommy or Tommy Lee Jones as a babysitter instead. D-

Chris Medjesky is a fifth-year physics major, who stuck around for an extra year just for the film studies minor. Tom Oyer is a senior sociology major and a film studies minor.

Dan Rather signs off as 'CBS Evening News' anchor

By David Bauder
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Dan Rather, whose network-reporting career spanned from the Kennedy assassination to the deadly tsunami, prepared to sign off Wednesday after 24 years as "CBS Evening News" anchorman.

Rather was the public face of the legendary news division since replacing Walter Cronkite on March 9, 1981. His first newscast included a story about English girls imitating the hairstyle of Price Charles' bride-to-be, Diana.

He's the second of the three men who dominated network news for more than two decades to step down in four months.

NBC's Tom Brokaw exited in November, leaving ABC's Peter Jennings remaining at "World News Tonight."

Bob Schieffer is Rather's temporary replacement starting Thursday. CBS expects to name a permanent anchor team to succeed Rather in the coming months.

Rather, 73, is returning to full-time reporting for CBS' "60 Minutes" broadcasts.

His exit comes at a low ebb for his career.

Rather took much of the public blame for a discredited "60 Minutes" story last fall about President Bush's military service, and he's a distant third in the ratings behind NBC's Brian Williams and Jennings.

He was a target of conservative viewers who accuse the media of bias for more than three decades, since his coverage of the Nixon White House during the Watergate era, and many have exulted in his recent misfortunes.

But he had his supporters, too.

Marian MacNeil of Windsor, Calif., said she watched Rather regularly and admired him.

"I feel terrible the way he's being treated now," MacNeil said.

"I think they're smearing a good reputation and overshadowing his 50 years. I hope he's able to rise above this."

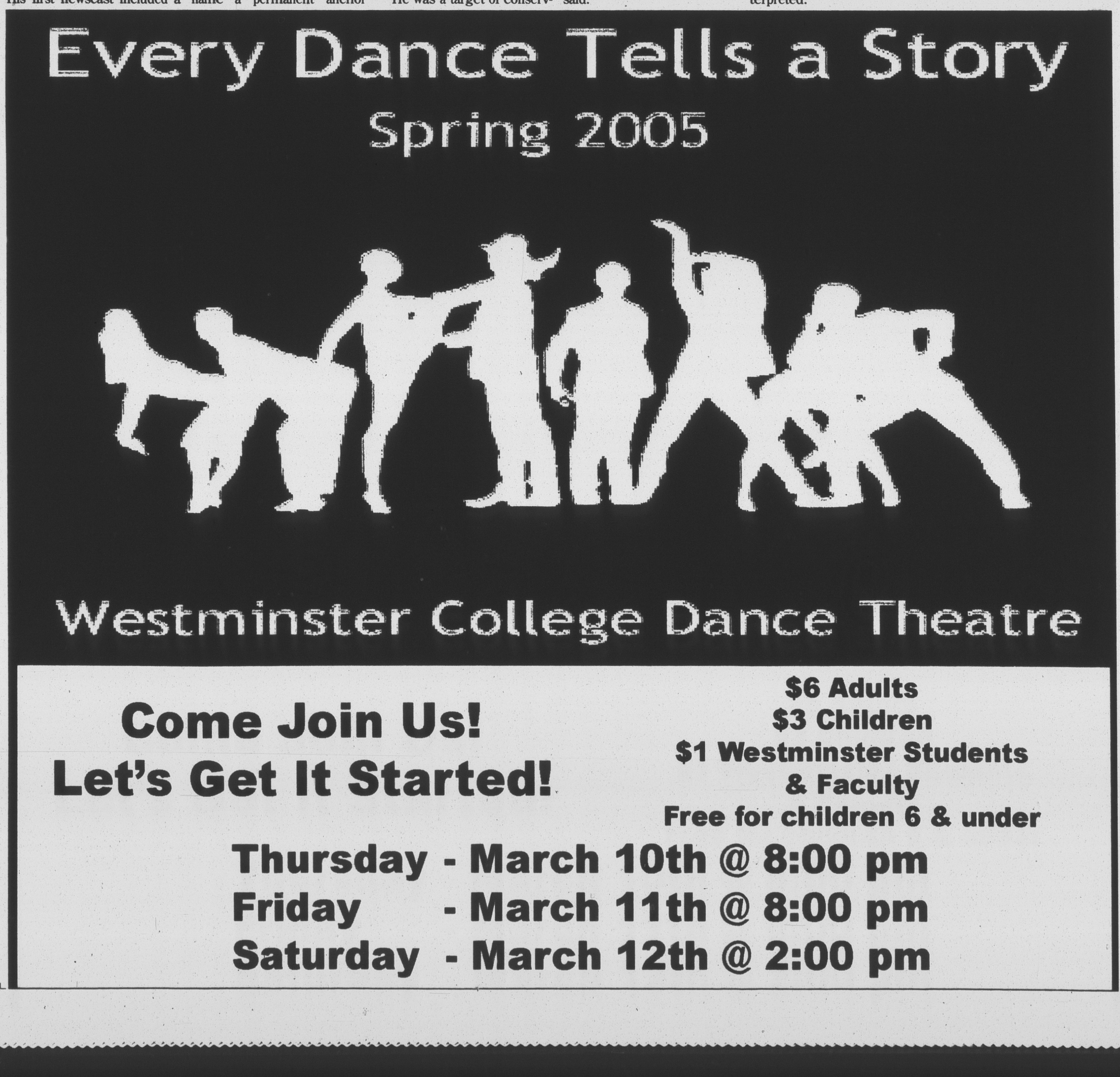
Meanwhile, a CBS affiliate in northern Michigan that had said it would let its viewers decide whether it should run Wednesday's prime-time CBS tribute to Rather backed off those plans.

The station in Cadillac, Mich., said Wednesday its poll had been grossly misinterpreted.

"We were simply trying to maintain the great tradition of local viewer input that is the foundation of our modern day broadcasting system," said William E. Kring, the station's general manager.

"It was never our intent to embarrass Mr. Rather or the CBS network."

Both Jennings and Williams planned to pay tribute to Rather on their broadcasts.



Calendar

March 11, 2005
Science Olympiad
Last Day to Convert Incomplete Grades
Lil' Sibs Weekend
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM Dance Theatre — Orr Auditorium
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Titan's Tavern — MCC Club/Lounge
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

March 12, 2005
Lil' Sibs Weekend
2:00 PM Dance Theatre — Orr Auditorium
7:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Night Owl Bowling (two vans) — MCC Entrance (Shaw Hall Side)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

March 13, 2005
SPRING FLING
Lil' Sibs Weekend
1:00 PM Mortar Board Selection Meeting — Patterson 311
3:00 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater
6:15 PM IFC Meeting — MCC 255
7:00 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

March 14, 2005
Sorority Meetings
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:30 PM Mu Phi Epsilon Concerto and Aria Competition — Orr Auditorium
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 PM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

March 15, 2005
12:30 PM LEAD Luncheon — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
4:00 PM Fireside Chat with President Williamson and Dean Edman — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
5:00 PM SAA New Member Reception — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
5:00 PM Guest Lecture: "Do You Know Where Your DNA Is?" — Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
5:15 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314
9:00 PM Newman Club — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:00 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255
10:00 PM - 1:00 PM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

March 16, 2005
11:30 AM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Board Meeting — MCC 253
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Shannon Smithey and Phyllis Kitzerow, "What 'What They Say About Us' Says About Them: Patterns of Bias in Obituaries" — MCC Mueller Theater
4:30 PM Children's Literature Group: Kira Kira by Cynthia Kadohota, 2005 Newbery Award Winner — Mugsies
5:30 PM "For Seniors Only" Dinner — MCC Witherspoon Rooms
7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater
8:00 PM Circle K Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
8:00 PM Tenebrae Service — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:30 PM Seekers College Fellowship — MCC Club/Lounge
9:00 PM Allies Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

March 17, 2005
Education Clinic Series: School Law Update — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
Men's Golf Spring Trip (through March 25)
4:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting — Patterson 113
5:00 PM Seekers Exec. Meeting — MCC 352
7:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium — MCC Mueller Theater
7:00 PM Mortar Board Meeting — Patterson 231
7:30 PM Faculty Cello and Piano Recital: Susanna Reilly and Matthew McCright — Orr Auditorium
10:00 PM - 1:00 PM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

March 18, 2005
Men's Golf Spring Trip (through March 25)
Last Meal Before Break: Lunch in Galbreath
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
3:30 PM Orchard Street Cafe Closes
6:00 PM Residence Halls Close

Last weeks's answers

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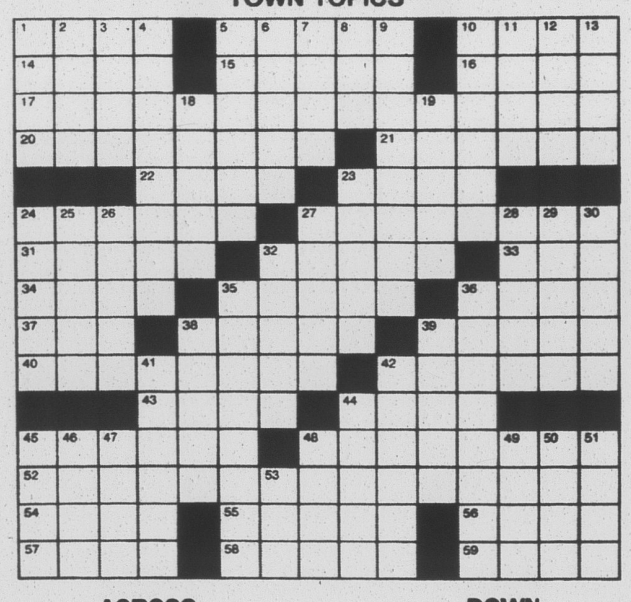

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20 Beam walkers
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39 Maid's concern?
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42 Uses Bartlett's
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45 Conqueror of Rome
48 Round-trippers
52 Garden State city
54 The Wind in the Willows character
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57 "___ sow, so shall . . ."
58 Change, at the printer's
59 Memory route

DOWN

1 Imprudent
2 Author Ehrenburg
3 Letters: abbr.
4 Clever thinking
5 On the up-and-up
6 Boots
7 Mud concoctions
8 Layer
9 Tulip glasses
10 Beagle's trip
11 Master or monger
12 Indira's gown
13 Sommer, on screen
18 Abyss
19 Kooky
23 Pittsburgh by-products
24 Airport aid
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26 Night beasts?
27 Store window models
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42 Aircraft engine
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47 Off the plate
48 Towel designation
49 The Middies: abbr.
50 Ginza glow
51 New Year word
53 Wedding notice segment

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): It is OK if you should choose to play a behind-the-scenes role. Pay attention to your instincts and allow them to guide you through a gnawing dilemma.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Friends or associates are happy to provide you with the answers you seek. Find the right time and place to pose the appropriate questions.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Career or professional concerns are an indication that the time is right for making changes. Do not be afraid to break free and transform your ambitions.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Embrace an opportunity to travel and expand your world. Look forward to gaining new knowledge or experiences and opening many exciting doors.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Investigate a proposal or deal that involves combining your funds with other people's money. Make sure that you understand it and are agreeable with the terms.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): It pays to be optimistic and upbeat when handling a relationship issue. Do not get caught up in a game of manipulation and power plays.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): A little extra discipline and added attention to your body may be necessary. Make healthy changes in your diet or exercise program.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Positive thinking helps you to eliminate inhibitions and allows you to excel in the social arena. Stay optimistic and expect magical results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): This would be a great time to break hurtful ties from the past and make a decision to love again. Spend some quality time alone and regroup.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You are mentally challenged to come up with solutions or answers to an intense or life-altering problem. Get centered and concentrate!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Just when you thought you were back on track financially, you are hit with a costly surprise. Look out for unexpected expenses or charges.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Enjoy a moment in the spotlight this week. Put your best foot forward and handle the challenges that are placed in your path with a positive attitude.

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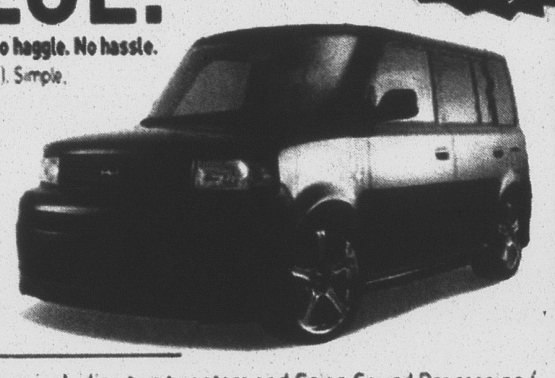

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WestPACS Arts Career Day
Wednesday, April 6th, 3:30-7:30 pm
Regional Learning Alliance ~ Cranberry Township, PA
$5 Pre-Registration (by Apr. 1)or $10 (cash only) day of event
Keynote Speaker: Rick Sebak from WQED-TV

Transportation Available for all Events

Careers in Government Day
Thursday, April 7th, 1:30-4:00 pm
20+ Federal Job Agencies will be at Slippery Rock University
Federal Job Applications Available
Keynote Speaker: James Turner
Chief of Democratic Counsel
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science

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Thurs, Mar. 31st
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REGISTER FOR ALL EVENTS AT THE CAREER CENTER

McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

Finding Neverland — The Passion of the Christ

Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater
Friday: 8:00 PM
Saturday: 10:30 PM
Sunday: 3:00PM
Friday: 10:30 PM
Saturday: 8:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 PM

SATURDAY!
Rockin' for the Troops
8:00 p.m.
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge
Admission: 1CD

Late Nights
Monday-Tuesday-Thursday
10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
The Club Room

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FRIDAY!
Lil' Sibs Weekend
(please see posters)
All Weekend
Campus

FRIDAY!
APO Retro Dance
9 pm - 11 pm
Club Room/Berlin Lounge

FRIDAY!
Titan's Tavern
10 pm - 2 am
Club Room/Berlin Lounge

SATURDAY!
Night Owl Bowling
9:45 p.m.
Meet in front of MCC
$2/ WC students
others pay at lanes
Lil' Sibs free

COMING SOON...
Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

Apr.1-2	Alpha psi Omega 1 Acts
Apr. 2	Night Owl Bowling
Apr. 8	Titan Tavern
Apr.16	Relay for Life
Apr.16	Night Owl Bowling
Apr.22	Titan Tavern
Apr.23	Sing n Swing
Apr.30	Volley Rock

Features

What are You Doing for Spring Break?

"Hanging out at home."
Eilis McCulloh, freshman

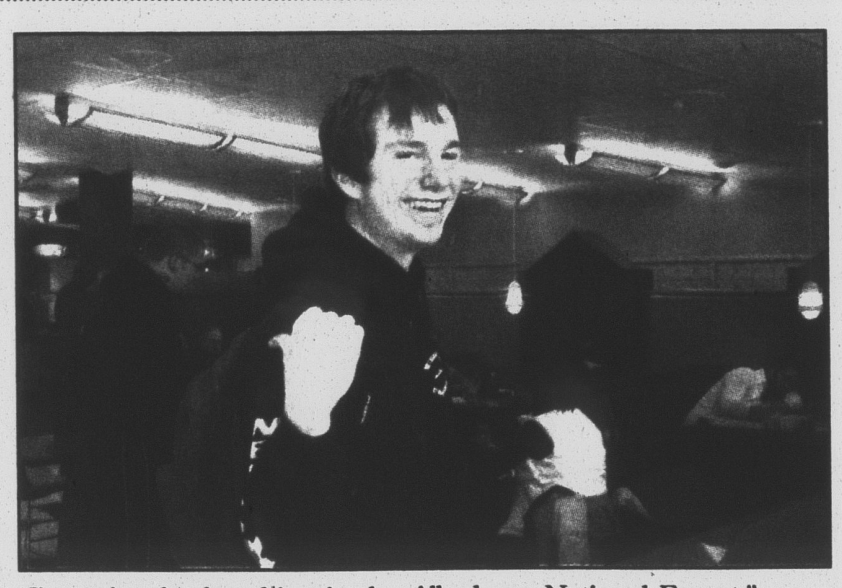
"A lot of shopping."
Jenna Diorio, freshman

"I'm going to try to find a job for the summer."
Deborah Ward, freshman

"Working, that's all I'm doing."
Jen Raub, senior

"Going to Canada for my birthday!"
Brittany McKee, freshman

"I'm working at a chocolate factory, it's very 'I Love Lucy'."
Ande Saporito, freshman



"I'm going backpacking in the Allegheny National Forest."
Joe Knott, freshman

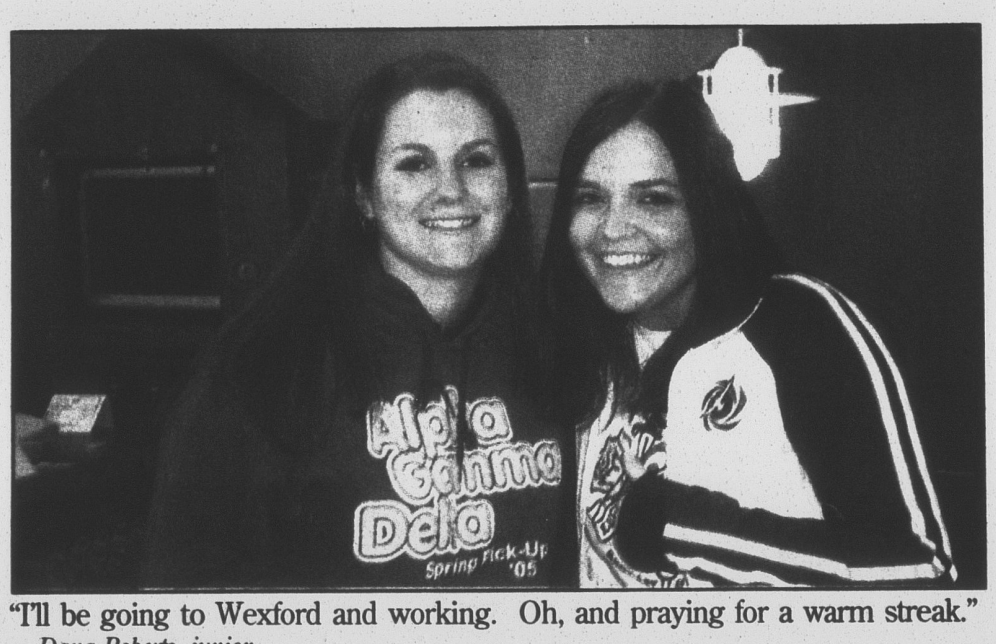
"Going on a Habitat for Humanity trip in Pittsburgh."
Mike Spicuzza, sophomore

"I'm going to do a lot of sleeping and hanging out with my friends back home."
Doug Rab, sophomore

"I'm going home, that's it. I don't have any money."
Clark Young, freshman

"I'm going to Louisville, Kentucky to visit family."
Colin Dean, sophomore

"I'm going home and doing absolutely nothing for 10 days."
Brian Walton, freshman



"I'll be going to Wexford and working. Oh, and praying for a warm streak."
Dana Roberts, junior

"Staying in the blustery weather and working."
Christy Martin, junior

"I will be working at Treesdale Country Club and visiting my sister in Virginia for Easter."
Kristin Allen, sophomore

"Spending time with family and friends."
Kendal Kennedy, sophomore

"Visiting with family and friends, and working on my sophomore portfolio."
Sara Belsito, sophomore

Political Pong

Destination politics: Dream spring break destinations

Since this is the last issue of the Holcad before spring break, Russ and I thought it would be appropriate to fill you in on our spring break plans.

Like normal college students, we're not planning our vacation around our political preferences (case in point, I'm going to viva Las Vegas for spring break).

But in the hypothetical situation that I would follow my cruel Republican heart to plan my time off school, what would I do?

I know what you're thinking. I would spend my time spitting on homeless people and reminding my grandma that I pay for her social security check.

Well, you're wrong, at least for this Republican.

As a true Republican, I would kick off my spring break in style by attending the nearest gun show.

Yes, there's nothing like the smell of fresh gunpowder, the sight of AK-47s and camouflage, and the sound of "Yeeee haw" to really appreciate being a Republican.

Nothing screams spring break like purchasing a weapon and testing out mace.

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Thank you Second Amendment.

Next, I would fly off to the rootin' tootin' state of Texas, the very epitome of the stereotypical Republican residence.

I'd visit the governor's house (where President Bush called home just a few years ago), attend a Brooks and Dunn concert, and to top it all off, I'd attend the gala of Texas: a state execution.

With my support of the death penalty, it's only appropriate that I experience it first-hand, preferably a serial killer or some other detriment to society.

Then, some food cooking courses. In order to achieve the Suzy homemaker status of any good Republican woman, one's cooking abilities must be up to par.

Goodbye grilled cheese and PB and J, hello caviar and duck ala ronge!

Besides, I'll have to feed the 10 kids I'll be rearing!

Finally, to end my ten-day vacation conservative style, I'd have to pay homage to the mecca of the Republican way of life: the Fox News studio.

O'Reilly and Hannity would serve as my escorts as we strolled through the workings of this groundbreaking news channel.

Too bad Tucker's not on Fox News.

You may be asking, how would you pay for all these splendors?

Easy, if I was a true stereotypical Republican, I'd be rich! Tax breaks would pave the way for my pimp spring break vacation. Bling bling!

But in reality, I am one poor college student who will probably lose all her money at the nickel slot machines in Vegas.

Thank god for $1.99 all-you-can-eat buffets.

Jessica Rummel (aka right-wing nutjob) is a senior political science major. She is the former SGA president, has a serious case of senioritis and is probably going straight to hell.

The ideal spring break for a Democrat would consist of a wild party with lots of alcohol, half-naked people, and a concert by the life-long Democratic band, Pearl Jam. Since that type of spring break can only be seen in democratic dreams, I will give you much more realistic spring break destinations for the liberal reader.

5. Harlem, NY

Why you may ask, would I want to go to Harlem for spring break? The answer is very simple. Harlem is where Bill Clinton has his offices! Nothing says spring break like visiting the king of partying himself. Slick Willy could teach you the finer points of spring break and how to impress members of the opposite sex. Additionally, a good liberal knows how to give back to the community. While in Harlem, it might be nice to help some of the less fortunate and direct them how to get back on track.

4. Chautauqua, NY

Long regarded as the ultimate liberal hangout, Chautauqua provides a beautiful place to have spring break. Liberals from all across the US flock to the famed Chautauqua Institution to hear music, play tennis, and see the Clintons. Liberals like Barbara Streisand, Dustin Hoffman, and others are often seen at the Institution. The only downside to the place is the cost. A spring break at the Institution will cost you over $5000.

Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

3. Paris, France

This hot spot is perfect for the liberal who wants to apologize to the French for our childish critiques of them following the beginning of the Iraq War. While in France, it would be nice to check out the beaches on the southern half of the country that is frequented by Brooke Burke and the Wild On crew. I must warn any liberal to pick up some gear that will help hide your American roots, like a shirt that says proud to be a Canadian.

2. Burlington, Vermont

Those of you who know me realize that for the past two breaks, I have gone to the haven for liberals and socialism, Burlington. Here you can enjoy socialism in action: clean streets, Birkenstocks everywhere, no poverty/beggars, and happy smiling people. While it will be hard to wear a swimming suit in Burlington in March, you can throw away your self-consciousness by indulging at the nearby Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory.

1. (Tie) Crawford, Texas and Washington D.C.

Nothing says spring break like harassing the Bush Administration. If old W is in Texas, then you win on both fronts. You are only an hour drive from South Padre Island and Corpus Cristi, which are two spring break hot spots. Also, you can go protest at the Bush ranch in Crawford. If Mr. Bush is in DC, then you are really in luck. Then you can go join a rally protesting one of Bush's many immoral policies.

In the end, spring break is one issue that transcends policy lines. Everyone likes to have a good time, but the fact remains that Democrats still know how to party better than the Republicans.

Russ Mills is a senior political science major. He enjoys watching the Woodstock movie, while wearing his Birkenstocks, playing on his Apple computer and drinking Starbucks coffee.

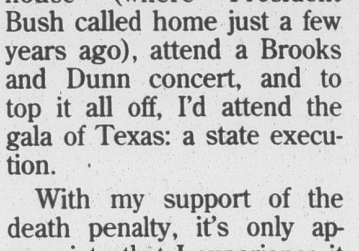
Grubbin' with Greg

Not everyone goes to Pizza Joe's: Alice's has homemade charm

We all know that "Everyone Goes to Pizza Joe's." We now know, thanks to Dominoes, that Tuesday is the coolest day of the week. Pizza Hut plagues us with the age-old question of whether we are "Hungry For More?" And if we want better ingredients and better pizza, it is clear that Papa Johns has got our back.

But what if we want something different, something local? While Alice's Pizza doesn't offer us much in the way of fancy slogans or advertising techniques, they do offer us much in the way of taste.

I'm sure that some of you have no clue as to where Alice's Pizza came from or where it's located. Well the good news is that it's not just another national pizza chain, and it is conveniently located right in New Wilmington.



Greg Smith
Grubbin' with Greg

That's right. There is another place in New Wilmington, aside from Pizza Joe's, that offers pizza and other pizzeria items.

For those only looking for convenience, you'll probably never make it past Pizza Joe's. However, for those adventurous souls that can endure a four block walk to New Castle Road, you'll find pizzeria bliss.

Don't get me wrong. Pizza Joe's is my savior in this fast food devoid environment, but sometimes I just need to take in a little bit of the local surrounding cuisine.

So the most obvious question on your mind is probably, "How good is the pizza at Alice's?" Well I'm not going to lie, it's pretty damn good. If you enjoy a sweeter pizza sauce, similar to that of Vocelli's, generous portions of oozing melted cheese, and a heavenly crust comparable to that of Pizza Hut, then this place was made just for you.

If by some freak chance you don't like pizza there is no need to fret because Alice's offers other delicious items such as soups, salads and sandwiches. Aside from the fact that the items at Alice's are delectable, the staff at Alice's is also very accommodating.

The reason I can say this with confidence is because they offered to melt down some cheese when I asked if they had cheese sauce, and we all now how close cheese sauce is to my heart.

Another enduring feature of Alice's Pizza is the genuine pizzeria environment that it produces. The walls are abundant with little pieces of art that you'd expect to find at any pizzeria.

Although my favorite piece of art on the wall was one with a chubby little Italian caricature that read "You only live once so to hell with a diet."

Aside from the art on the walls, everything from the floor, to the seats, to the ordering counter are reminiscent of an old school pizzeria that are hard to come by these days.

In figuring out where Alice's fell on the Twinkie Scale I took into consideration that Alice's Pizza is a special treat out of the ordinary ranging from the food to the service to the environment, along with the factor that it is a little extra distance than other eateries in town.

With all of the key ingredients and a dash of perfection baked into every pizza, I'm at a disposition to favorably rate Alice's 3 out of 4 Twinkies.

Until next week, keep on grubbin'.

Greg Smith is a senior political science major. He is a member of the College Democrats and SGA, and co-founder of the Fatty Club.

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Broadcasting majors Heather Storm, Sarah Ubry, Tandi Lane, Laura Krutschnitt and Ian Durham proudly stand under the brand new TUB sign in the campus center. The students handed out petitions and campaigned on Titan Radio to keep the tradition of the name alive.

What's in a name?

TUB tradition from 1947 will live on

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer

When students returned from spring break, they came across a surprise, and it was not an April Fools' joke. As of Tuesday, March 29, the TUB tradition is back and here to stay.

"When I heard the cafe signs had been changed to The TUB, I had to go see for myself. I immediately walked downstairs to see the new signs," said Dr. David Barner, associate professor of broadcasting. He jovially chuckles knowing his dream project –two years in the making –finally gleans— hanging proudly—displayed along the skirts of downstairs McKelvey Center.

The previous dining area title, "The Orchard Street Café," was chosen due to its literal dead-ending right onto Orchard Street. This semester, however, the name was scrapped after an initiative from Titan Radio, a petition, an SGA proposal, and slews of alumni propelled a spring break take down of what many considered to be a misleading sign.

"I'm so happy now that the TUB isn't a façade. We don't have to call it that behind its back," said freshman Kelly Corbin.

"Orchard Street Café was way too long of a name anyway," said Jess Rummel, emeritus SGA President and key leader in the name change.

The TUB name, in fact, makes alumni smile knowing their tradition stemming from a 1947 snack bar back floats onward today in McKelvey under the same name.

"It really served as the student watering hole. We really used the TUB between classes— to relax, to talk, to play bridge," said Lew Shirey, class of '50 and a previous TUB employee.

This new name means much to Rummel since it was under her SGA slate that the adoption of the name and the new $500 signs went up. "It was a very proud moment for me, because now when I come back to this school as an alum, I can look at those signs and know I was a part of it," she said.

"The most rewarding thing for me personally is to see that long time tradition of going to the TUB will continue for future generations," Barner added.

VolleyRock vs. Honors Convocation

Annual events clash on calendar

By Dan Prokop
Campus Writer

On April 30, students must decide whether they want to be recognized for their academic achievements or participate in the traditional volleyball tournament.

Ending the semester the first week in May causes a scheduling conflict between two campus traditions: Honors Convocation and Volley Rock.

According to the planners of each event, Honors Convocation has taken the last Saturday in April for several years while Volley Rock's always stood on the last Saturday before finals week. This year, those two days just happen to be the same- tipping off a debate over timeliness and tradition.

"If Dean Mann's reason for not moving the convocation is that he would like the date to be a tradition as well, SGA should be able to stand by our much longer tradition of having it the Saturday before finals," former SGA President Jessica Rummel said.

Even if either group wanted to change the date of their event, it would be complicated with all of the events occurring in April. Events such as Sing and Swing, Relay for Life and campus visitation days occupy the previous weeks. So whether it is the best option, both events will remain on April 30.

According to former SGA Vice-President Russell Mills, Dean Mann was asked to move the convocation to another date so that its attendance would not suffer. Mann explained that the awards would not be ready in time if the convocation was moved to an earlier date in April. Due to the college's religious affiliation, Mann added that Sunday is not an option.

Volley Rock will not be moved to a different date because of other events, and because having it too early causes concern about the weather. Mills also noted that the event is traditionally before finals as a release from stress.

"My opinion is that Honors

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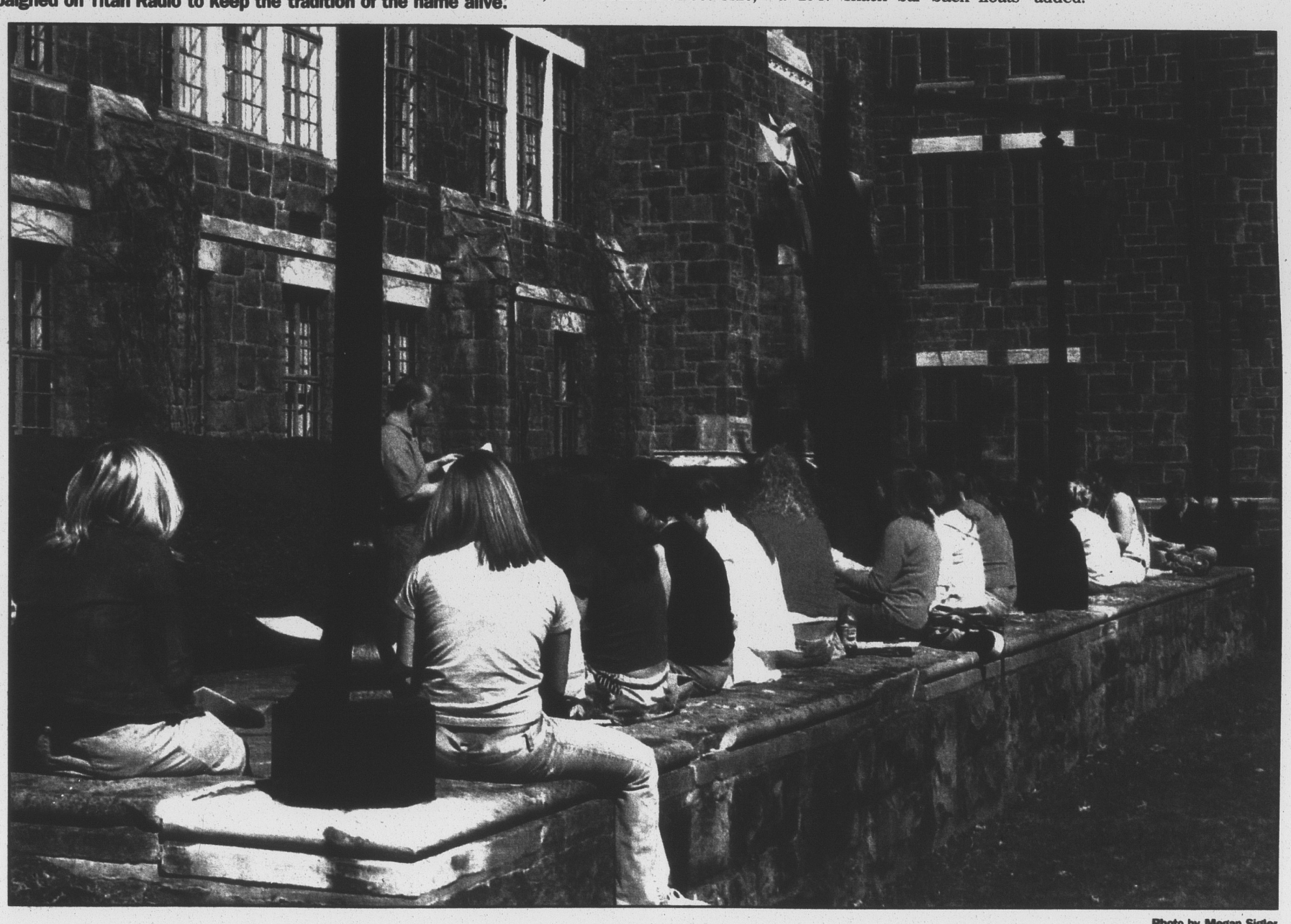

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Trading Spaces

Dr. Patrick Krantz takes advantage of the warm weather by teaching one of his education courses on the terrace of Old Main on Wednesday, March 29. Students soaked up the first signs of spring that day by shedding their jackets for t-shirts and flip flops. They enjoyed the sunshine by leaving the library in favor of doing their reading and writing outside on the quad and campus benches.

Students return from mission trip to Bahamas

By Katie Alcorn
Campus Writer

For 15 members of the campus community, this year's spring break was an opportunity for an especially uplifting, unique experience.

On Thursday, March 17, Reverend James Mohr, Resident Director Seth McCormick and 13 students left for Long Island, Bahamas, where they would spend their spring break doing mission work.

"We were renovating a school to be used as a youth community center," said Mohr. "We built a septic tank out of concrete, installed doors, scraped paint. Most of the students were unskilled, so they got the chance to learn a lot."

In addition to spending their time remodeling the school, the group also spent a lot of time exploring the island.

They went to secluded beaches where they hiked and swam, went fishing, and generally had the chance to experience the beauty of the island.

"I gained an appreciation for God's beauty in that place," Mohr said. "It was just unbelievable."

The group also had nightly devotion services in the house they stayed in, which included one particularly special service by candlelight when the house lost power. On Palm Sunday, the group attended a moving service at an Anglican church, during which some of the students read.

"I gained wisdom from the daily devotions that we all took part in as a group," senior Jordan Kaufman said.

According to Mohr, one of the best parts of the trip was meeting a boy called Clocker, whose family's house burned, resulting in the loss of all of their possessions. Clocker thanked the group and the entire Westminster community for donating clothing to his family.

The group had an overwhelmingly positive experience with the Bahamians while they were in Long Island. They had the opportunity to try traditional Bahamian food, and generally experience the culture.

"It was definitely humbling to see how people in other cultures live and how easy we really have it here," senior Chris Hatch said.

Overall, the group generally thought one of the best aspects of the trip was meeting and living with other students from the campus, and in a way, becoming like a family for a few days.

"It was great to get to know people who, without going on the trip, I never would have met," Hatch said.

The Bahamas Work Trip was a great success, and according to Mohr, hopefully the first of many mission trips to come.

"We hope to sponsor trips each year to the Bahamas or other places," said Mohr.

All of the participants had an amazing experience during their time on the Bahamas Work Trip.

"As a senior, this semester I have been bombarded with major questions about my future and career," Mary Huebert said.

"It was great to just be able to forget that for a week and focus on what is truly important in my life."

For more information about the trip and the group's experiences there, some of the students will be speaking at Vespers this Sunday.

There will be reflections on the trip, as well as pictures. Vespers is at 7 p.m. in the chapel.

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Opinion

Rant & Rave

Christian rock is awful

Her windsheild is broken.

Exercise is a dirty word. Every time I say it, I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

Stay classy, Westminster.

I hate working out

Don't tell my mom about my speeding ticket!

How about it's April and I'm still seeing people I didn't know went here.

Desperation is a stinky cologne.

So sunny! Yeah for sun!

Every time I hear a Kid Rock song, I die a little on the inside.

Invention, my dear friends, is 93% perspiration, 6% electricity, 4% evaporation, and 2% butterscotch ripple.

The new website doesn't suck.

I'm hungry.

Someone give me job.

Senioritis has set in. Awesome.

Little surprises around every corner, but nothing dangerous.

My life revolves around a TV schedule.

Hurray for flip-flop weather!

You know what we need? Some rope.

I'm sorry, but all questions must be submitted in writing.

He's the reason CliffsNotes were invented.

It's not easy having a good time!

I need a vacation from my spring break vacation.

I can't believe it's April already...

My brain has ceased to work. And I think I'm okay with it.

It's not easy being green.

This whole TUB thing is very exciting.

Four more Holcads left....

It's been three days since we got back from break and I still haven't seen my roommate. What's wrong with this picture?

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

You're a good sport, Westminster

We only tease you because we love you. And because you're really, really easy to make fun of...

Megan Sigler
Editor-in-Chief

We're not going to be that student newspaper that takes advantage of April Fools' Day by writing up fake news stories and making cheap jokes at the expense of the college.

Okay, I lied. We are going to be that newspaper.

After all, we at the *Holcad* never let a national holiday get away without driving it into the ground on every single page. Especially not a holiday with such obvious class and cultural importance.

Which is why you'll find this particular issue filled to the brim with more laughs than ever. "But wise editor," you're probably thinking. "The *Holcad* is hilarious on a consistent basis. How is it possible to get any funnier?"

I know it's hard to believe, dear reader, but try, try to have faith that this issue will make you laugh as never before (most notably our special features section on page B-4).

However, the *Holcad* is not all fun and games this week. We also honed real investigative journalism skills. That is, if honing investigative journalism skills equals me taking a trip to McGill and learning how to use microfilm. Nonetheless, after extensive research (a couple hours), I stumbled upon a true Holcadian gem: an April Fools' article that ran in the *Holcad* exactly 50 years ago (see below).

The sarcastic article serves as proof that some things never change...and that dear New Wilmington always has and always will be an endless source of humor and the target of all of Westminster's best jokes.

But that is why we love our college. Despite the nonstop teasing we put this campus through each week, we have to admit, Westminster College is a pretty darned good sport. And where would the *Holcad* be if our alma mater were not so easy to make fun of? Not nearly as funny, I can assure you.

Which is why I bring to you, my witty readers, without further ado: **My list of the top ten headlines that you will never see in The Holcad.** Unless, of course, it's April Fools'.

10. Sodexho offers wide variety of healthy foods
9. Male population soars
8. Students put away suitcases and stay for weekend activities
7. Tuition is not raised
6. New Wilmington welcomes the 21st century
5. Celebrity Series brings in a star born after 1950
4. Parking spaces for everyone!
3. Westminster College makes something less complicated
2. TitanNet works smoothly

And my personal favorite...

1. Galbreath Hall passes sanitation test

Megan is suffering from a severe case of senioritis. Since spring break, she has given up going to class to work full time for the Holcad. If you find her, please offer her a job. Or at least a cookie.

Some things never change

Holcad article run 50 years ago on April Fools' Day makes timeless joke about New Wilmington

By Scottie Price
Staff Writer
Friday, April 1, 1955

Who says New Wilmington is dead? Well, let's face it-it is! But by next fall things should liven up around here.

New Wilmington has been designated as the site of a new secret government project to be erected during the summer. This nation defense planet will have the specific purpose of research into germ warfare.

The government has selected New Wilmington because of its strategic location between Pittsburgh and Youngstown.

All work done in the plant will be top secret, but part time jobs will be open to Westminster students. The government has also given priority on positions to students here, and the college is cooperating by offering special preparatory courses to those interested in the phase of science.

The plant should start operating next October. Representatives will visit the college in May to interview students and to recieve applications for prospective jobs.

The significance of the plant can scarcely be estimated. Westminster will be an important spo on the map of the United States, and students here will be brought face to face with the restrictions and regulations concerning highly confidential Federal property.

Commenting on the danger of building the new plant in a college town, General Edward Frab, who will direct the project, said: "Where else can one find a better group of loyal American citizens than in a typical small college environment? Of course, in the event of an attack, students would be evacuated to a safe place; and really the danger is negligible."

So be looking for a strange new building on the outskirts of New Wilmington when you return next September.

By the way, this is April 1. Now who's gullible?

Want to write a letter to the editor? Here's the rules.

Letters to the editor are published weekly, as space permits. All letters must be submitted to the Holcad office by 12 p.m. Tuesday to make the Friday issue. All letters must be limited to 400 words, typed and include the author's name and a phone number for confirmation. Letters must be free from offensive language, personal attacks and libelous or potentially libelous statements. The Holcad reserves the right to reject any letter. No letter will be edited when factually incorrect or in need of contexual clarification. Rather, an editor's note will be included. Grammar and spelling errors will also not be corrected. Opinions expressed are those of the author. E-mail letter to: holcad@westminster.edu.

Don't forget to check us out online!
www.westminster.edu/student/publications.cfm

Our View

Breaks should be used for rest

If students are going to have to do work over break, why bother interrupting the educational schedule with a break? Why not just keep class in session and end the semester a week and a half earlier?

We've all been there.

It's the day before the start of break and you think you're the luckiest sonofagun on campus because none of your instructors have assigned any homework or projects to occupy your time during break.

You can see it now: a week and half of glorious free time - time to be with family, time to hang out with friends, time to work on that "capstone" thing about which your adviser has been bugging you and not have to worry about some nagging paper or problem set that's only worth a small percentage of your final grade.

Then, it happens. Your hopes and dreams of glorious nothingness are reduced to pure memories as the instructor of your final class before heading home hands out an assignment.

"It's due the day you get back, people," says the instructor, who, at least in your biased vision, seems to have a devilish smirk upon his face.

"Have a good break," he says.

A mix of sighs, groans and scoffing chuckles sound from your classmates, but not you.

No, not you - you're too busy trying to figure out when you will have the time to actually complete the assignment amid your already loaded break schedule.

You try to find a reason to simply rebel and not do the work, but you, being the good student that you are, decide that you're just going to have to sacrifice some of your supposed "break" to do schoolwork.

This brings us to an interesting point. We at the *Holcad* believe that professors should not assign work to be done specifically during breaks.

No one likes to have work to do outside of class, but, like death and taxes, it is inevitable.

However, break is one time at which those who do the assigning should exercise their all-powerful right to not assign anything.

By our definition, breaks are meant to give students some time away from the hustle and bustle of the campus and classwork, not to serve as a time at which instructors can rain classwork upon their students' clear-skied parade.

Long-term projects are outside our umbrella, as long as they've been assigned a couple weeks before break and/or there is adequate time before and/or after break.

Some students make plans for their precious breaks months in advance, especially spring break.

Traditionally, spring break can last anywhere from a week to two, but is usually close to 10 days. Many students leave the country or visit family - or both, perhaps even simultaneously - during their break.

Some students - a very small number - have more worldly and humanitarian things to do than an assignment that could be saved until students return to campus so that they can put their full effort and concentration into it.

These students are those participating in community service organizations likes Habitat for Humanity.

These organizations take an immense amount of ones' time in short spurts - perfect for breaks.

Students involved in such organizations should be worrying about drywall and about siding and about plumbing and about making someone's life better.

All students, and faculty as well, should be able to return from break recharged, rejuvenated, and ready to finish out the semester with a clear head.

A larger question, then, is this: what is the purpose of a break?

Is it to give food services a couple of days off?

Is it to give faculty time to work on finals or go on their own vacations?

Is it to give students a chance to rebuild and reestablish relationships with their family and friends from home that have inevitably slipped while away?

Is it to give seniors time to put the finishing touches on their capstones?

Or is it time for students to complete classwork assigned by their instructors?

If students are going to have to do work during break, why bother interrupting the educational schedule with a break?

Why not just keep class in session and end the semester a week and a half earlier?

There's no need for a ruling from the dean's office.

There's no need for an executive order from either the president nor the board of trustees.

Something like this begins with the instructors.

Instructors should respect students' official time away from campus and not afflict them with work.

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Outside the Bubble

OFF-CAMPUS

Sprocket Guild brings filmmaking to Pitt community

By Bilal Muhammad
Pitt News

The best filmmakers in the world participated in the student film process.

George Lucas, Martin Scorsese, Brian De Palma, Spike Lee, Francis Ford Coppola and John Singleton defined and helped shape cinema into what it is today.

Known to academics as the "student film generation," these men saved Hollywood in the late '60s, said Greg Allen, an intro to film instructor at Pitt and an assistant professor at Point Park University.

"They invented the blockbuster," Allen said.

As graduate adviser of the Sprocket Guild, a student production organization, Allen's key interest in working with student filmmakers revolves around "championing student cinema."

Since 2000, the Sprocket Guild has helped undergraduate students, staff and other affiliates of Pitt to understand the processes of filmmaking, from film theory to marketing.

"Theory is how to read a movie, and production is knowing how to make a movie," Allen said, adding that the Sprocket Guild aims to educate anyone, regardless of skill or knowledge level, on the ins-and-outs of the filmmaking process.

Anyone interested in experiencing the filmmaking process firsthand can have the chance to work with professionals in the industry — or, as Pitt junior and stand-up comedian Dan Vollmayer did over spring break, take a road trip through Las Vegas, Phoenix and eventually into Hollywood.

"We saw Vin Diesel at a [movie] premier," Vollmayer said.

Vollmayer, along with Allen and five other students, spent the break shooting and acting in Allen's upcoming "romantic dramedy" about road travel, "Star Wars" and love.

"For the past five years, the Sprocket Guild has enabled filmmakers, including myself, to make films without going into our own pockets — or without having to," Allen said.

Now that filmmaking has entered the digital era, Allen said, the filmmaking process costs significantly less. This allows the Sprocket Guild to make professional-quality movies at relatively low costs, something that takes a lot of the financial worry off student filmmakers' backs.

Sprocket Guild President and Pitt junior Alex Mosby has spent more than a semester working on acting, directing and helping to produce his first film, a $400 project that has cost him none of his own money.

"I learned an awful lot from making it, and that's our goal: experience," Mosby said. "We foster creativity, which is paramount on this level when you don't have much money."

Thanks to the technology of digital filmmaking, Mosby shot his movie using film that, according to Allen, a regular person could not tell from professionally produced films.

Past productions fostered by the Sprocket Guild have gained recognition outside of the Pitt community. Mike Dickson, who formerly worked with the Sprocket Guild, now has his movie in the New York Film Festival.

Funded entirely by Student Government Board, the Sprocket Guild allows the student filmmakers to keep the rights over their product. If student films reach a production agency and wider audiences, the Sprocket Guild will make sure that the students earn all rewards from their own work.

"When you go to film school, you don't own your own film. The school owns your film," Allen said, adding that student filmmakers face this problem at universities and film institutions. "The Sprocket Guild is the solution to that problem."

Undergraduate film institutions have traditionally required students to use their own equipment, hurting those who could not afford to purchase outside materials and equipment needed for production, according to Allen.

Some of the solutions that the Sprocket Guild offers include equipment and resources for student use, professional and financial help, internship opportunities and, most important, student film ownership.

"We're not interested in capitalizing on our filmmakers. We're interested in promoting cinema," Allen said.

Out of all the film clubs on Pitt's campus, the Sprocket Guild offers aspects that other groups do not. Some groups, Mosby said, focus on just television or business, for instance.

"Our goal is to get students hands-on experience [with film]. We attract people who are really interested in this and who want to do this for a living," Mosby said.

Students from Point Park University also work closely with Pitt's Sprocket Guild chapter.

REGIONAL

Pa. marks passing of Terri Schiavo

By Michael Rubinkam
Associated Press Writer

HUNTINGDON VALLEY, Pa. (AP) - Terri Schiavo's relatives and acquaintances in her native Pennsylvania marked her passing Thursday, and continued to disagree about whether more should have been done to keep her alive.

Her brother in-law, Scott Schiavo, said in interviews with television reporters at his Levittown home that he felt relief that her ordeal is finally over.

"Terri's at rest now, that's the most important thing to all of us, my family, that Terri is at peace, that she's in a better place," he said.

During the extended court battle over her fate, Scott testified that Terri had once told him that she would not want to be kept alive on a machine.

"She's got all of her dignity back," he said.

"She's now in heaven, she's now with God and she's walking with grace."

Scott Schiavo, brother of Terri's husband, Michael, said he had received several threatening phone calls from around the country in the hours after the death.

At Terri Schiavo's alma mater, Archbishop Wood High School in Warminster, workers changed a sign that read "Terri Schiavo, Class of 1981, We pray that you may live" to "We pray that you rest in peace."

"It's sad. Why not let the lady live?" said John Rogers, one of the workers who changed the sign. "Feed the lady, let her live. This is America."

U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., issued a written statement expressing condolences to Schiavo's family, and lashing out at the court system.

"Terri Schiavo was given a death sentence, and passed away without the right to due process," Santorum said.

He called Schiavo an "innocent person" who was "penalized by a court system that grants convicted murderers fair treatment under the law, but not a woman whose only crime was not filing a living will."

Alan Zakuto, a pediatrician who has lived for 27 years in a house across the street from where Schiavo grew up in Huntingdon Valley, and whose wife used to bowl with Terri's Schiavo's mother, said: "I don't agree with what they did to her. As long as somebody's alive, they should do everything they can to help that person. Because there's always a chance."

Scott Schiavo's wife, Karen, said the family will always miss the "happy, bubbly" Terri who "had this aura about her, so much in love with my brother-in-law."

"She can finally be at peace after 15 years," she said.

NATIONAL

California university suspends fraternity after members admit participation in porn film

CHICO, Calif. (AP) - California State University in Chico suspended a fraternity after its members admitted they participated in an adult film at their off-campus residence.

The national chapter of Phi Kappa Tau also suspended the school chapter and is investigating the taping several months ago by Shane's World, an adult film producer known for using college students in its videos.

"We're definitely embarrassed by the allegations, but we're trying to figure out what happened," said Jeff Baird, spokesman for the fraternity's executive offices in Oxford, Ohio.

University President Paul Zingg described himself as "disgusted" by the fraternity's behavior. He promised further punishment and said it matters little that making a pornographic film isn't illegal.

"This fraternity will be dealt with in an unmistakably firm fashion," he told the Chico Enterprise-Record. University spokesman Joe Wills said it remains unclear what action will be taken.

Rick Rees, the university's associate director of student activities, said the fraternity's president apologized, admitting that "it was a bad decision."

Shane's World made the film in the Phi Kappa Tau House's private off-campus residence, though university officials said they were told the students neither identified their campus nor their fraternity. Wills said the fraternity was not paid for the film.

Shane's World publicist Nicole Henderson said the film also included some college women, though it was not clear if they were from Chico.

The company typically arranges a movie and sends porn stars and film crews to a party to make an unscripted film, she said. Students who participate play sex-themed party games and are rewarded with oral sex or intercourse, Henderson said.

All students who enter the party must sign release forms, be at least 18 years old and show identification, Henderson said. Students and the porn stars who work for Shane's World are tested for sexually transmitted diseases.

Chico State's fraternity system already was under investigation for the February death of a student who drank a large amount of water. The victim allegedly was being hazed by members of a fraternity that had already lost its school affiliation.

Four members of the Chi Tau fraternity have been charged with involuntary manslaughter in the death of Matthew Carrington, and four other members face lesser charges.

Zingg told the Los Angeles Times after Carrington's death that the incident was "the last straw" and that if the Chico fraternity system was found to be beyond repair, he would shut it down.

INTERNATIONAL

Authorities say about 1,000 dead in latest earthquake

GUNUNG SITOLI, Indonesia (AP) - Firefighters freed a man trapped in a crumpled house on remote Nias island on Wednesday, 36 hours after he was buried in rubble. As the first foreign military help arrived, officials said an estimated 1,000 people had died in the region's latest large earthquake.

Residents swarmed over collapsed buildings in Nias island's main town of Gunung Sitoli, searching frantically for survivors of the country's second catastrophe in three months, after December's massive quake and tsunami.

French firefighters from the agency Firefighters Without Borders used a car jack to free the legs of 25-year-old television repairman Jansen Silalalahi, who had been pinned between a motorbike and a cupboard.

As he was lifted out of the rubble of what was once a three-story building, Silalalahi smiled weakly and gave a thumbs-up.

"People knew I was there but it was difficult to reach me. I kept screaming whenever I heard anyone," said Silalalahi, who did not appear to be badly injured. "I feel relief because now I am safe."

The improvised rescue highlighted the crisis situation officials face here: there are thousands of collapsed buildings and no machinery to help search the rubble for survivors.

The town's hospital was barely functioning: It lacked power or water, and it had no fuel for generators.

"We know there are many people critically injured," said Dr. Norman Peeler, a medical coordinator from the World Health Organization. "It is essential they get treatment, infections spread easily in open wounds."

Two Singaporean military helicopters landed Wednesday and distributed food and water to a frantic crowd of survivors. They also delivered a car, medical supplies, generators and 20 Singaporean troops and medics. A third helicopter was unable to touch down because there were so many survivors at the landing area.

Parts of Banyak island appeared to have sunk by up to 3 feet, leaving some coastal homes inundated with sea water, Aceh province's acting governor Azwar Abubakar said. Despite previous reports, there were no confirmed deaths on the island, he said in televised comments.

Monday's 8.7-magnitude quake struck off Indonesia's Sumatra island, some 75 miles north of Nias. The even-bigger quake that generated the region's devastating tsunami on Dec. 26 hit an area further northwest along the Sumatran coast.

The latest quake initially raised fears of another tsunami and sent people scrambling for high ground in several Indian Ocean countries lashed by December's killer waves, but no big waves materialized.

NEWMAN CLUB
Softball Game
Sunday April 3, 2005
@ the softball field
5:00pm - 7:00pm
$2.00 per person
pizza afterwards

All Liberal and Fine Arts Majors
WestPACS Arts Career Day
Wednesday, April 6th, 3:30-7:30 pm
Regional Learning Alliance ~ Cranberry Township, PA
$5 Pre-Registration (by Apr. 1)or $10 (cash only) day of event
Keynote Speaker: Rick Sebak from WQED-TV

Careers in Government Day
Thursday, April 7th, 1:30-4:00 pm
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Campus News

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Holcad Holds Contest For Name

The TUB or the Chucklebox?

The Holcad announced a contest to name the campus recreation hall in its Friday, October 31, 1947 issue. As incentive, a whopping $10 cash prize would be rewarded to the student winner. The TUB, which stood for Titan Union Building, was chosen as the official name in the Friday, Nov. 14 issue. However, the identity of the student who turned in the name remained a mystery, so the money was given to Pat Marshall, whose entry, the Chucklebox received the judges' second choice. More than 275 entries were submitted in the contest, including Passion Pit, Saint's Rest, Temperance Tavern and Gab Lab. All but TUB and Chucklebox were eliminated, and the TUB that we know and love today won by only a single vote.

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Rub-a-dub-dub . . . . . who called it tub?

Rec Hall Contest Winner Remains Mystery

Rub-a-dub-dub, who turned in the Tub?

Yes, the judging committee decided the winning entry for the Holcad rec hall naming contest, but just who should get the $10 has been a debatable subject.

It seems that the person who conceived the name selected by the judges forgot to sign his or her name to the entry.

Tub, meaning Titan Union building, was chosen as the new name for the room that will house the snack bar, tables, and the dance floor.

The Holcad has decided that the person who turned in this name will receive the $10 prize if he can prove it was his entry by identifying the type of paper and instrument used for writing it. Plans to employ a handwriting expert from the FBI have been discarded.

If no one claims the first award or proof cannot be established in the minds of the staff, the Holcad will give the money, to Pat Marshall, whose entry, the Chucklebox, received the judges second choice.

Over 275 entries were submitted in the contest, ranging from Passion Pit to Saint's Rest and Temperance Tavern.

The judges, Dr. John Orr, Dr. W. J. H. McKnight, Miss Helen Sittig, Alfred Shaffer, Ted Holt, Alice Mae Smith, and Zip Zahniser, selected Tub, Tiden, Chucklebox, and Gab Lab as their choice. All but Tub and Chucklebox were eliminated in several ballots, and in the last vote, Tub won by a single vote.

Film festival to resume

By Tace Zona
Campus Writer

On Tuesday, April 5, the International Film Festival will be held at Westminster for the first time this semester.

Several years ago, the festival was organized by Dr. Jacob Erhardt during his time as a professor of German. For this reason, the festival officially became known as the Jacob Erhardt International Film Series. After Erhardt's retirement in May 2004, care of the film series was passed to Dr. Jim Cummins, and then to Dr. Deborah Mitchell, who is currently in charge of the event. The event is widely supported by members of the departments of English and modern languages, including Dr. Jeffrey Bersett, Assistant Professor of Spanish.

"Dr. Mitchell has been the driving force behind the return of the film series," Bersett said. "We're very grateful to her."

Mitchell said that before this semester, both students and the community could enjoy the films shown in the series because performance fees were not required. This year, however, copyright laws required the payment of performance fees in order for the films to be shown in a public way.

"It can be pricey," Mitchell said. "We had to find a budget to at least show half of the films in the series to the public."

Students with a minor in film studies could always watch the films during class at no cost, but it was felt by Mitchell, Bersett, and other supporters of the film series that the community should be able to enjoy the same films as students. Mitchell finds it rewarding to invite the community to study another culture through the viewing of international films.

Dr. Ann Murphy, chairman of the department of modern languages, agreed.

"The series is an excellent way to supplement our programs by further exposing students and the greater community to international art and cultures," Murphy said.

According to Mitchell, the film series did not go anywhere, as some thought, but was at a standstill due to the unexpected expenses. Now, the film series is back because the funds to pay for the rights to publicly show the films were given by the departments of English and modern languages. The future plans for the series include showing half of the films each semester to the public. If eight films are shown for the film studies students, four of those will also be shown to the community.

Three films are left for this semester, and Mitchell plans to show seven or eight next semester. Film studies minor students help to choose the films and introduce them prior to their viewing to give the audience something to think about while they are watching. They also hold discussions directly after each film.

Publicly shown films in the Jacob Erhardt International Film Series are free of charge to all students and the community, and they give people the chance to see foreign films that they probably would not have the chance to see otherwise.

VolleyRock

Schedule conflict could hurt attendance at awards ceremony or SGA's spring event

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Convocation is going to suffer because of Volley Rock. I know most students will go to Volley Rock instead of Honors Convocation, and that is a shame," Mills said, adding, "it is a shame that people who put a lot of work into their honors research will not have a good audience to share their findings."

Other students agree that the Honors Convocation attendance will suffer because of Volley Rock.

Normally, many students attend the ceremony, but with the choice this year, most students want the opportunity to have fun at the traditional event.

"I know that I will be at Volley Rock and have no intention of going to Honors Convocation unless my team gets beat in the first round," sophomore Colin Dean said. "Who's going to sit through a ceremony when they can be outside having fun with friends, smacking a volleyball around and eating Lube wings all day?"

New, redefined Student Affairs positions to spread workload

By Julie Maryan
Campus Writer

"Position Vacancy" reads one of the many signs posted around campus.

In many departments, jobs have opened up in the work-study level, while in the Student Affairs office, positions of Assistant Dean of Student Affairs-Residence Life and Leadership Development and Assistant Director of Residence and Greek Life have opened.

According to one of the signs, the position of Assistant Director of Residence and Greek Life will be, "...a 12-month, live-in position" which will provide, "administrative assistance in the leadership of the College's Residence Life program, and assistance with the overall administration of Fraternity/Sorority Life."

According to Dr. Neal Edman, Dean of Student Affairs, this new position will help to take some of the workload from the Assistant Dean position, which has recently opened up due to Molly Mistretta going on maternity leave. This position will have the ability of promotion to Associate Dean status, which Mistretta held.

"Molly was the only one overseeing everything," said Edman.

With Mistretta on maternity leave, Student Affairs has been looking for someone to fill her position.

"At the moment, two Resident Directors have been picking up what Molly was doing," said Edman. "We're looking for someone to permanently fill the position."

According to Edman, Mistretta will be back in May to tie up loose ends and to make the transition of the person to be hired go smoothly, especially since there has been a new position created to help with her old one.

"We want to make sure that there will be some continuity between years," said Edman.

Jess Lohr and Seth McCormick are the two resident directors who have been helping Student Affairs by taking over Mistretta's tasks until the two positions can be filled.

"Most of what I'm handling involves housing: housing selections, exemptions to housing requirements, study abroad, special housing accommodation requests, and roommate conflicts. So mainly, if it deals with housing, its one of my tasks," said Lohr.

Even while Student Affairs begins to look at applications for the two positions, Edman wants to make sure that anyone who will have contact with the people who will be hired for those jobs will be represented on the search committee.

"Ordinarily it will comprise of administrative staff," said Edman. "Deans, resident directors, resident assistants, myself, other members of Student Affairs, and secretaries will have input."

Groupwise Portal now open

New software upgrade allows students to check email and access network storage from any computer in the world

By Solange Nevels
Campus Writer

On March 10, the customizations to Groupwise Portal were complete and it was made accessible to students and faculty both on and off campus.

Now any student can access their email and other campus network resources from anywhere in the world over the Internet. In addition, Portal works quite well with a dial-up connection and a Windows PC is not mandatory for the service to work.

This upgrade seems well-timed due to the student body's growing population of off campus residents. However, the gradual alterations lasted over a period of time and many professors bore the brunt of the colleges' technological advancements.

"Yes, we had a few professors in our test groups for quite some time," said Branislav Cikel, assistant network manager. "They've been very patient with us trying out the new technology as it grew into [the] final project."

The idea to provide off-campus file access was in the works for years. It wasn't until Novell, the company that provides software for email, network storage and other network usages, identified the need for such a system. The previous webmaster Dee Drisko, enterprise network manager Kelly Hartner and Cikel developed the original portal system, and with the addition of the new webmaster Jonathan Smith, a 2002 alumni with a computer information systems major, they advanced onto the new version of Portal and brought it to life.

The primary focus was on providing access to the N: and R: drives for off-campus students, graduates, LLP students and campus faculty.

"I go many different places over breaks and this change makes a difference in the convenience of being able to access and complete work without restrictions," said sophomore Lawunmi Lawani.

The new portal is showing great potential for being just what the campus needs.

"I believe the improved Portal will help the campus in many ways," Smith said. "Students on campus may not notice the new Portal right away, but I'm sure almost everyone has been at home and needed something from their campus drives. Portal will give them access to these resources from anywhere in the world with an Internet connection."

As for future changes being made to our virtual campus community, feedback for what the new version of Portal will offer is being analyzed. However, the campus's technological department will always be searching for new ways Portal can help the campus community.

Portal can be accessed via the college's homepage.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 44	High 53	High 59	High 60	High 59	High 57	High 55
Low 31	Low 40	Low 43	Low 40	Low 40	Low 36	Low 37
Snow and rain; windy, chilly	Windy with periods of sunshine	Times of clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy, rain possible	Clouds and sun	Periods of clouds and sunshine

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	6:03 a.m.	6:47 p.m.
Sunday	7:01 a.m.	7:48 p.m.
Monday	7:00 a.m.	7:49 p.m.
Tuesday	6:58 a.m.	7:51 p.m.
Wednesday	6:56 a.m.	7:52 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Saturday	2:43 a.m.	11:29 a.m.
Sunday	4:30 a.m.	1:45 p.m.
Monday	5:08 a.m.	3:03 p.m.
Tuesday	5:38 a.m.	4:20 p.m.
Wednesday	6:04 a.m.	5:35 p.m.

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Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Apr 1	Apr 8	Apr 16	Apr 24

Weather History

A heavy storm struck the mid-Atlantic on April 3, 1915. The storm dropped 10 inches of snow in New York City, 15 inches in Dover, Del., and nearly 20 inches in Philadelphia, Pa.

Regional Cities

City	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W	Wednesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	41	35	sn	52	42	pc	59	44	pc	61	41	pc	58	40	r
Butler, PA	43	36	sn	56	40	pc	59	42	pc	61	42	pc	61	41	r
Cambridge, OH	46	35	r	59	44	pc	64	44	pc	64	42	s	61	40	r
Canton, OH	42	35	sn	54	42	pc	59	44	pc	63	42	pc	59	40	r
Cincinnati, OH	46	37	r	62	47	pc	65	47	s	66	44	c	63	42	sh
Clarion, PA	42	32	sn	51	39	r	59	42	pc	57	40	pc	58	39	r
Clarksburg, WV	50	37	r	61	43	pc	65	45	sh	65	41	pc	64	39	c
Cleveland, OH	41	34	sn	50	40	pc	59	42	pc	57	41	pc	57	40	r
Columbus, OH	43	38	sn	58	44	pc	64	46	pc	62	44	s	60	42	r
Cumberland, MD	47	35	r	58	42	r	61	45	pc	62	43	pc	63	42	r
Erie, PA	41	34	sn	48	38	r	48	40	pc	58	46	pc	64	46	r
Franklin, PA	42	34	sn	52	39	r	59	42	pc	59	40	pc	59	39	r
Greensburg, PA	48	36	r	55	43	pc	61	46	pc	65	44	pc	62	42	sh
Greenville, PA	42	34	sn	50	39	pc	59	43	pc	57	39	pc	58	37	r
Grove City, PA	43	35	sn	55	40	pc	59	42	pc	60	40	pc	58	38	r
Hagerstown, MD	50	36	r	57	40	pc	64	46	pc	66	46	s	68	48	s
Indiana, PA	43	36	r	53	42	r	59	46	pc	61	43	pc	59	41	r
Jamestown, NY	41	31	sn	45	37	r	54	39	sh	52	37	pc	53	36	r
Kittanning, PA	47	36	r	54	42	pc	59	45	pc	61	44	pc	61	42	r
Lisbon, OH	44	35	sn	54	41	pc	60	44	pc	61	42	pc	58	40	r
Mansfield, OH	42	34	sn	54	40	pc	59	43	pc	60	40	pc	57	38	r
Marietta, OH	47	38	r	61	45	pc	66	46	pc	66	43	s	63	42	r
McKeesport, PA	42	36	sn	55	42	pc	62	46	pc	67	44	pc	62	42	sh
Meadville, PA	43	33	sn	48	38	pc	57	42	pc	53	40	pc	56	39	r
Morgantown, WV	42	36	r	56	42	pc	65	46	pc	68	44	pc	65	42	c
New Castle, PA	45	36	r	53	41	pc	59	43	pc	60	41	pc	59	41	r
Oil City, PA	42	34	sn	52	39	r	59	43	pc	59	40	pc	59	39	r
Pittsburgh, PA	42	32	sn	54	40	pc	63	45	pc	68	48	s	62	41	sh
Sharon, PA	45	34	r	52	40	pc	60	43	pc	58	40	pc	58	39	r
Somerset, PA	46	32	r	49	39	r	55	41	pc	60	40	pc	55	38	sh
Steubenville, OH	47	37	r	54	43	pc	61	44	pc	64	43	s	60	41	r
Uniontown, PA	47	35	r	56	40	pc	64	44	pc	68	42	pc	64	40	c
Warren, OH	44	35	r	54	40	pc	58	43	pc	60	40	pc	58	39	r
Washington, PA	46	34	r	56	40	pc	62	42	pc	65	41	s	62	39	sh
Waynesburg, PA	47	34	r	57	41	pc	63	44	pc	68	43	s	64	41	c
Wheeling, WV	47	37	r	56	44	pc	61	45	pc	64	42	s	61	40	r
Youngstown, OH	45	34	r	53	40	pc	59	43	pc	59	41	pc	58	39	r
Wooster, OH	40	34	sn	52	40	pc	58	43	pc	62	40	pc	57	39	r
Zanesville, OH	46	37	r	59	44	pc	65	45	pc	66	42	s	61	40	r

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Baseball in full swing

Titans make success of Florida tournament despite dropping two games

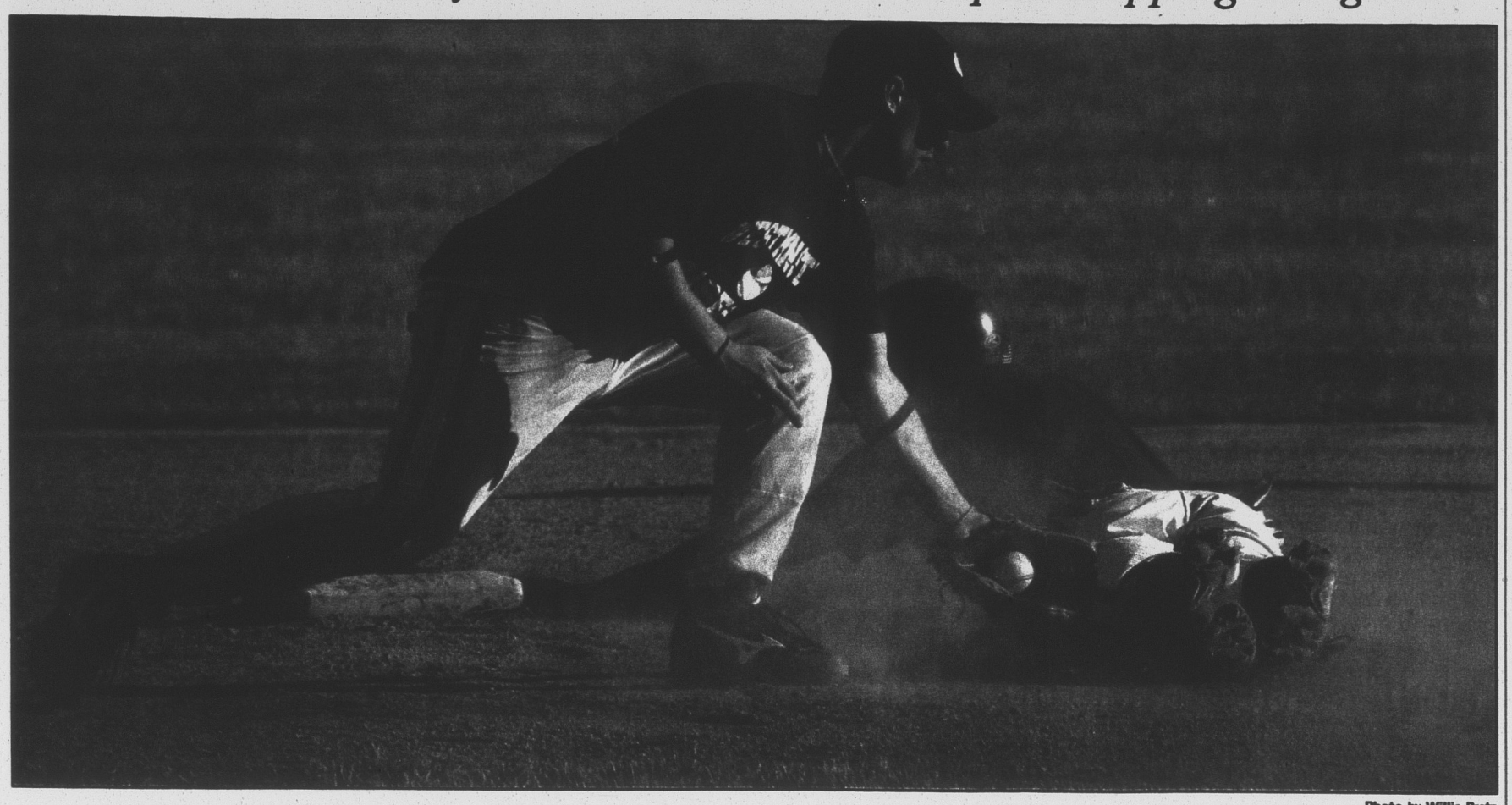


Photo by Willis Bretz

Freshman Don Kirkwood puts a tag on Kevin Gesacion as he attempts to steal second base during the inter-squad scrimmage on March 30.

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The Titan baseball team ended their tour in Fort Pierce, Fla. this past weekend on a bit of a low note, as they dropped two of their last three games, leaving their overall record at an impressive 6-2.

The boys had begun their trip in perfect fashion, posting wins against Principia twice, Fredonia State, Earlham and Grinnell.

The Titans had dropped their night match up with the College of St. Scholastica 5-0, but were able to rebound the next day and get a split with Becker College as they won the second game of the double header 6-3.

The pitching by St. Scolatica seemed to be too much for the Titan bats as they were only able to manage two singles in the contest.

Sophomore Tony Cunningham allowed four runs in 5 1/3 innings of work, this loss lowers his record to 1-1 on the young season.

Junior Jason Mackey came in for the relief effort as he finished the game allowing four hits and striking out five.

It was much of the same when the Titans faced Becker College for game one of the double header, as the Titans were only able to snag sits hits in the losing effort.

Junior Evan Triplett was given the loss as his record also fell to 1-1 on the year.

However, the second game proved to be different as the Titans rallied back from an early 3-0 deficit and posted six unanswered runs to close out Becker.

Junior Brenton Gilmore pitched a great in relief for Senior Mike Mackin, earning his second win on the year. Gilmore pitched 6 2/3 innings and only allowed two hits during that period.

The game was tight throughout until senior Brian Andrews roped a two-run double in the sixth inning to give the Titans the lead that they would not relinquish.

The non-conference game scheduled for this past Tuesday has been post-poned until April 21.

Making the switch from winter to spring sports

Tom Heath
Sports Editor

As we begin the last part of this semester and the last part of the college careers for some, the disheartening weather has at long last broken.

It's about time, finally some sunshine and decent temperatures. When the weather breaks, there is nothing better to do than head down to a baseball game or a softball game on campus, or finding some grass and tossing a Frisbee around, or my favorite, tossing some horseshoes. Anyways, the world of sports did not cease to exist over spring break to say the least.

The remarkable swimming season for the Titans has finally come to a close. I am very happy to announce that Ryan Trunk competed at the swimming nationals at Hope College in Michigan.

Trunk finished in 7th place in the 100 freestyle and was named by the College Swimming Coaches Association as an All-American. He also qualified to compete in the United States Open in the 100 freestyle later this year.

Congratulations to Trunk, Coach Klamut and the Titan swimmers once again for an unreal season.

With the end of swimming, the spring sports are finally into full swing.

Hats off to the Titan baseball team, who competed in Florida over break with a record of 6-2. All of the Titans who played contributed in a strong first showing of the season.

Next week, I'll have to chance to sit down with baseball coach Carmen Nocera and hopefully get some thoughts from other members of the coach staff.

The Lady Titan softball team also has a very strong showing over their spring break trip with a record of 8-2.

Both teams are optimistic as they end PAC play and already taste an NCAA playoff birth.

The NCAA Men's and Women's basketball tournaments are also wrapping up.

On the men's side of things, there were some major upsets and surprises, to say the least.

Kansas, Wake Forest and Syracuse all had early exits, while West Virginia, Texas Tech, and University of Wisconsin Milwaukee were eye openers to everyone.

As far as the final four on the men's side goes, I'm looking in the direction of Illinois. This is a very deep and talented team. If the Fighting Illini takes it all, it will be the first time in NCAA basketball history a team has won 38 games in one season.

On the women's side, the only team that has shocked everyone was Liberty University.

Other than that, once again, the Lady Vols from Tennessee look to be the strongest team as the tourney will wrap up. Pat Summit, the Vols head coach is no stranger to the tournament. She has become one of the most winning coaches at any level, men's or women.

Last but not least, the major league baseball season is upon us. The biggest question still remains, was the break of the curse just a fluke in Bean Town or is it a sign of what is to come for the next few seasons?

The Red Sox without a doubt look very strong and will contend for the AL East crown and maybe even the pennant.

In the NL, the Cardinals look to be very strong once again with most of their lineup returning. Albert Puljos should prove once again to be one of the game's best players.

Also in the NL, there will be no homerun race for Barry Bonds as he will sit out the 2005 season due to a knee injury, as well as personal reasons. This should make the NL west a division to watch with the high level of balanced competition.

Sports Shorts

Track & Field

The Westminster College men's & women's outdoor track & field teams opened the 2005 season this weekend at the Clarion Early Bird Invitational in Clarion, Pa. No team score was kept at the event.

On the men's side, leading the way was junior Adam Hadbavny who captured the discus, placed third in the shot put and fourth in the javelin, qualifying for the ECAC Championships in the first two events.

Hadbavny was also just named the PAC Men's Outdoor Track & Field Athlete of the Week for the week ending March 27, 2005.

Also qualifying for ECACs was senior Phil Frye with a fourth-place finish in the shot put.

Other Titan performers included freshman Adam Hughes, who was fifth in the long jump, 14th in the 100 meter dash and 19th in the 200 meter dash; junior Alex White, who was eighth in the shot put and ninth in the discus; freshman Casey Karger, who placed 12th in the 400 meter dash and 23rd in the 200 meter dash; and senior Brad Zerbe, who was 18th in the 1,500 meter run.

For the Lady Titans, freshman Jessica Cooper captured the high jump with an ECAC-qualifying mark of 5-3. Cooper also placed fourth in both the 400 meter dash and the triple jump, and seventh in the long jump. Also for the Westminster women, freshman Lindsay Egg placed sixth in the triple jump and eighth in the long jump.

The Titan and Lady Titan track & field teams return to action next Saturday, April 2, when Westminster hosts the annual Titan Invitational at Harold Burry Stadium beginning at 11 a.m.

Golf

These are heady times for the Westminster College men's and women's golf programs. The 2004 season saw the Titan men capture their second consecutive PAC championship, while the Lady Titans won their first-ever PAC crown by over 50 strokes.

Leading the way for the men will be senior Scott Voelker, a two-time All-PAC First-Team honoree who placed second at the conference tournament last year. Voelker, who earned GCAA Scholar-Athlete honors last season, posted a 78.94 stroke average for the season. Classmate Dan Wellman also returns for his final campaign.

A talented three-player junior class consists of John Matune, Matt Kurtz and Gary McGovern.

Matune, a two-time All-PAC honoree, qualified for the 2004 U.S. Amateur at Winged Foot. He earned Team MVP honors in 2003-04 with a 77.35 stroke average.

Kurtz, a two-time All-PAC First-Team honoree, had a 78.94 stroke average a year ago.

McGovern missed the PAC Championships due to illness in 2004, but still managed an 81.54 stroke average for the season.

A pair of sophomore returnees include Robbie Jewell. Jewell earned All-PAC Second Team laurels as a freshman, posting an 83.19 stroke average, while Ockree (89.0 stroke average) competed at the PAC Championships in place of McGovern.

Leading the way for the Lady Titans is sophomore Kelly Spisak, an All-PAC First-Team honoree in 2004 after placing fourth at the conference tournament. Spisak posted a 49.09 scoring average as a freshman to lead all returnees.

She is joined by junior Kayla Pursifull, an All-PAC Second-Team selection after finishing sixth at the conference event, who posted a 49.64 stroke average.

Tennis

The men's tennis team dropped its 2005 PAC opener today in Greenville, as the Titans netters (4-5, 0-1 PAC) suffered a 5-4 setback at Thiel College. The two teams evenly split six singles matches, but the Tomcats captured two of three doubles contests to earn the league victory.

For Westminster, junior Ben Libert and freshman Gene Cunningham posted wins at #3 and #5 singles, respectively, while also teaming to capture #3 doubles. Junior Ryan Mistovich captured #6 singles as well.

Westminster returns to the courts on Saturday, April 2 when the Titans travel to face league rival Grove City in a match that will not count in the league standings beginning at 10:30 a.m.

No joke: WVU was the real deal

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

April Fools came a week early for me this year because my sports universe was turned upside down.

As anyone who routinely reads my columns knows, my sports universe revolves around the Steelers, the Pirates and the Pitt Panthers. Generally, in my fanatical paradigm there is no room for the Cleveland Browns, the Atlanta Braves or the West Virginia Mountaineers.

However, it seems the Mountaineers played a hearty April Fools joke on me as they charged valiantly into the Elite Eight because I found myself not only cheering for them, but also enduring the stress that accompanies a close Pitt game.

The inspired play of Kevin Pittsnogle, J.D. Collins, Tyrone Salley, Patrick Beilein and Mike Gansey allowed me to realize why I watch sports.

Though I did not burn my couch, overturn my parents' cars or break windows, I enjoyed the Mountaineers' run and everything for which it stood.

And maybe the April Fools joke the Mountaineers played isn't on fans like me, but instead on the entire college basketball universe.

After the Mountaineers lost to Louisville, I was able to say without reservation that the most talented team won the game. I could not, however, say that the team that wanted it more won.

I don't expect myself to be humming John Denver's "Country Roads" as I prepare myself for the rest of my life. However, it is with disbelief that I realize that if only for a weekend I embraced the Mountaineers because they played basketball how basketball is meant to be played.

The Mountaineers hustled. The Mountaineers dived for loose balls. The Mountaineers made the extra pass to find an open teammate. For a weekend, the Mountaineers were a less civilized and less cultured version of Hines Ward-the personification of doing-the-little-things.

I watched a lot of Pitt basketball this season and after the success of West Virginia, I am disgusted with effort put forth by the Panthers.

West Virginia proved that the faster, the tallest and the strongest don't always win. They proved that something can be said on behalf of hard work and hustle and heart.

West Virginia watches the Final Four this weekend so their April Fools joke isn't as sweet as it could've been. However, after their terrific run into the Elite Eight, I'm betting that their country seats are a little bit more comfortable than those found at Pitt, Boston College or Syracuse.

Sports Schedule

March 31, 2005
SB VS. MOUNT UNION - 3 p.m.

April 01, 2005
BB at Grove City - 3 p.m.

April 02, 2005
MGF at W&J Invitational
OTF-WESTMINSTER INVITATIONAL
MT at Grove City - 10:30 a.m.
BB VS. GROVE CITY (2) - 1 p.m.
SB VS. HIRAM - 1 p.m.

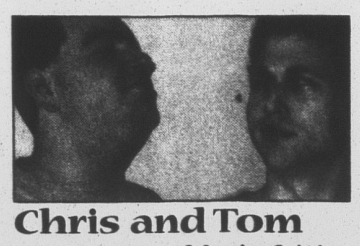
April 03, 2005
MGF at W&J Invitational

April 04, 2005
WGF at Grove City Invitational

April 05, 2005
BB at Clarion (1) - 3:30 p.m.
SB VS. CASE WEST. RES. - 3:30 p.m.

Arts & Entertainment

Taking time to honor our forgotten cinematic heroes



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

As movie buffs, the long period between Oscar seasons has begun. The theaters are filled with crap that no respectable moviegoer could go see and tell someone they liked.

As a result, many of us turn to the classics that Oscar remembered in previous years to find some sort of cinematic comfort.

However, there are those movies that, despite their brilliance, the Golden Idiot forgot. Now we take a few moments (and $24 of the school's money) to remind you of the lost classics from yesteryear.

Perhaps the easiest place to start is with the greatest director of our time. No one has made more consistently quality films without a blunder. However, this man has been ignored constantly throughout his career.

If it were not for the two brilliant (and not totally overpriced) Criterion Collection versions of his two masterpieces, our hero behind the camera would never be remembered.

We, of course, are talking about the great and all-mighty Michael Bay. With five, count 'em five, entire movies behind his belt, he is certainly the auteur of the century.

The witty banter between Martin Lawrence and Will Smith in Bad Boys and Bad Boys II is captured not only through the actors but through the camera's eye as well.

And of course, who could forget the greatest movie of 2001: Pearl Harbor. This film, destined to win Best Picture gold, suffered because of Titanic comparisons (which there are no comparisons) and rumors that September 11th was a hoax to coincide with the film.

It is amazing that the world could be so disrespectful to a tragic event and a tragic film.

And then there are the big two. First, staring the consistently perfect Nicolas Cage, The Rock speaks for itself.

The chase seen through San Francisco, which would be completely ripped off by Steven McQueen in Bullitt, is neither nauseating nor anything short of perfect.

And the brilliance of ending the movie by having the bad guy die, but then not end the movie and just have the old, henchmen bad guys become the bigger more important bad guys even though no good reason is given why they kill off the main bad guy... well, nothing could be more clear.

And finally: Armageddon. Bruce Willis in a tour-de-force performance is as emotional as any other in film history.

The robbery of a lack of nomination for him (or his co-star Ben Affleck) is the biggest proof that the Academy Awards are sympathetic to giant asteroids and not the heroes that destroy them.

A movie, amazingly titled The Island, is in the works by Michael Bay. A setting is not clear about the film, but we guarantee it will be a tear-jerker.

Another continually snubbed artist, who delivers complex and touching performances routinely but continues to be ignored, is the great Freddie Prinze, Jr.

First rocketing to fame for his smart, tongue-in-cheek role in I Know What You Did Last Summer, to his continued success in I Still Know What You Did Last Summer, Prinze has proven to be a star.

But, these debut performances were ignored come Oscar time. However, debuts performances are often ignored by the Academy, so usually the actor receives a "make-up" Oscar.

Prinze clearly should have won an Oscar for his rise to leading roles, as he took on the complex lead in She's All That.

Look for Prinze's depth and remarkable clarity as he decides if he really does like the girl or if he really just is in it to win the bet. The constant struggle between personal vs. financial gain is eloquently balanced.

Nevertheless, Prinze's work went unnoticed. Now there are many great actors out there, who are routinely ignored such as Tom Green, Steven Seagal and the Meryl Streep of our generation, Tara Reid.

But you would think that after Prinze's continued success in Wing Commander, Down to You, and the Scooby Doo movies; he would at least merit a nomination.

We guess Prinze will just have to accept that his artistry will not be recognized in his lifetime.

The Oscars could also look to other award shows in order to see what films are being recognized. The Razzie Awards routinely recognize deserving films that somehow get overlooked from all other awards groups.

For example, the last five best picture Razzies have gone to such classics as Halle Berry's tour-de-force in Catwoman, the brilliantly written Gigli, Madonna's amazing spectacle Swept Away, laugh riot Tom Green's auteur project Freddie Got Fingered, and the multi-talented John Travolta and his scientology epic Battlefield Earth.

Now here are quality films that never are listed among the best films in the past five years.

The Razzies were even intelligent enough to award Mariah Carey for her fantasmic debut in Glitter.

If only the Oscars would take a hint from this respectable awards group, then maybe today's audiences would finally respect the Academy Awards as the finest in motion pictures.

Until the academy wises up, the Razzie awards will be our viewing pleasure!

Born-again health nut denounces cheese sauce in favor of salads

Greg Smith
Grubbin' with Greg

Every now and again everyone is entitled to have a life changing experience. It just so happens that my life altering experience occurred during spring break while I was visiting none other than America's favorite romping space, Las Vegas.

Now being one of the original fat kids on campus it would only make sense that a place like Vegas with their cheap buffets and 24 hour food joints would be my ideal city for vacationing.

Unfortunately this wasn't the case because the city of sin has a way of letting your over indulgence get the best of you, which may change your outlook on life.

After being in a place of such great culinary temptation I feel as though I have been chosen by the powers that be to spread the word about becoming a re-born health nut and fitness junky (it's kinda like being a born-again Christian).

First things first buffets are not the way to go. I mean honestly who wants to pay a nominal fee just so that they can over indulge is such delicacies as pizza, chicken fingers, general tsao's, fried chicken, or cheese sauce?

Instead of paying that 8.99 for the all you can eat buffet how about you stop acting like a chincy bastard, triple that number to 27.00, and go to a classy joint that will offer you a salad with a sprinkle of blue cheese and some animal with it's eyes and shell still attached to it's body served fresh on a cool plate from Pottery Barn.

I'm sure that some of you are thinking that you can't afford such nice things in your lifetime and that is where you are absolutely wrong.

Sure you might not have the cash to finance such a meal, but that's why you can always rely on your good old friends over at the Visa and Mastercard companies to help you live a cooler and healthier lifestyle.

Now you'll recall that before I was "reborn" into this new way of living and eating I was addicted to two things: Cheese Sauce and Cheesecake.

My friends, I am here today to preach the word that the Cheese Sauce is not a heavenly godsend, but it is actually the work of the devil.

It can be attributed to creating rolls upon rolls in the stomach region that may lead to "talking bellies," back fat, cellulite, and even triple chins (not to be confused with the common double chin).

Cheesecake is seen by many as a treat that is to be had in moderation and on the special occasion. However, I just wish to warn you that Cheesecake is also the creation of some dark force that exists just to torment your existence.

For if you eat cheesecake you are to be doomed to days upon days of pure stinky flatulence, which will cause all of your friends and loved ones to disown your stinky ass.

I'm sure that hearing of the great evils and injustices that are cast upon those who do not eat and live healthy has you concerned about whether or not you're on the road to salvation or damnation.

If you wish to follow the path of salvation then you must eat at swanky high end restaurants, eat small portions, drink nothing but water, and become an exercise bulimic (exercising more than is healthy for you).

If you follow the simple equation up above than you shall find the road to salvation, but chances are you'll probably suffer from severe case of inflated ego, maxing-out your credit cards, and not to mention the usual dull and boring personality.

And you're a fool if you thought that I was really willing to give up cheap food, cheese sauce, and cheesecake all for a healthier life. April Fools, punks.

Until next week keep on grubbin'.

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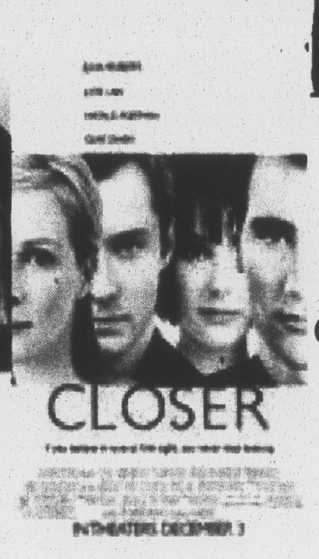
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Apr.16	Relay for Life
Apr.16	Night Owl Bowling
Apr.22	Titan Tavern
Apr.23	Sing n Swing
Apr.30	Volley Rock

Political Pong

The grass is always greener at the other political party

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

You know, there's a lot of things I can't do without: fat-free dressing, Italian food, high heels, the Cleveland Browns, etc. But if I had to choose one part of my life that I enjoyed most, it would have to be my political affiliation: a left-wing liberal.

Yes ladies and gentlemen, I can't deny it, I love being a Democrat.

I want to relive Woodstock, I want to protest the war, I want to join the ACLU, and I need to hug every tree I come across.

Yes, my life as a liberal is one filled with dedication and service to the rights of my fellow Americans (well, just criminals and the really poor ones). Allow me to elaborate.

I am strongly opposed to the death penalty. How can we, freedom-loving Americans, sentence death to these lovable criminals?

Sure they've murdered for horrendous reasons and often with little to no regret, but hey, doesn't everyone deserve another chance?

I say we spend millions of dollars every year housing these criminals and paying for their medical care when they get old. Remember, the rights of the accused always supercede the rights of the accuser.

Someday I hope to strike up a pen pal relationship with Mr. Incarcerated and marry him. Oh, a liberal girl's dream!

Since I love life so much, it is my duty to protect Americans...from protecting themselves. I support strict gun ownership laws. Background checks, banning felons from owning guns; that is not enough.

I believe that no American should be allowed a weapon legally. Leave it to the convicted felons and mobs to illegally obtain weapons and rob our homes!

The average American can fight back with love and passive resistance, it works like a charm! By the way, just what is the 2nd amendment all about anyway?

But there are some things that I am willing to give to the American people: lots of government money.

That's right, welfare is the hottest trend of the season, and my Democratic behind is all about it.

The best part is, it doesn't matter if you're actually able to work, I think you should still get paid! And the more children you have, the more money you should get. Birth control is overrated anyway.

We don't need time limits on welfare either, that's just an unnecessary requirement on the average citizen.

We Democrats aren't about pressure, we'll stick around until you're ready to get off your butt and get a job (which is totally up to you!)

And of course, every Democrat needs to have a hero, and mine is certainly no surprise: Bill Clinton. Mount Rushmore, make room for slick Willy! No man has sat in the Oval Office with as much dignity and morality as Bill. If only three terms were constitutional, my life would be complete!

So there you have it, the life of a Democrat is simply amazing. Who needs capitalism, self reliance, or morals?

What this country needs is some good ole' fashioned government intervention!

God Bless America, and oh yeah, April Fools!

Jessica is a tree-hugging liberal. If you're reading her column, you must be really bored or on the toilet.

Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

Over spring break I took some of my own advice and went to Crawford, Texas to protest against the President.

While in Texas, I began to undergo a sort of transformation. Instead of enjoying my Starbucks, I found myself with a Busch beer in my hand. I found myself test-driving a Ford F-350 Diesel truck.

Then I knew something was up when I traded my Bob Marley CD for a Toby Keith CD.

There must be something in the water in Bush's neck of the woods.

Then the unthinkable happened. I began remembering the good old days after 9/11 when Bush appeared as a great leader.

I then realized that I had been wrong for these last four years. All of the policies I had stood for were wrong and idealistic. Tax cuts were a viable way to stimulate the economy; private accounts were the answer to fix Social Security, and gay marriage... what the hell was I thinking?

I sat drinking my Busch and listening to "We'll put a boot in your ass it's the American way" and realized why Republicans won the last two elections: it is so relaxing to sit back and watch the day go by.

I decided to go get a book to read. Now in the past I would have gone to Borders or Barnes and Noble, but feeling like a newborn man, I went to the place where Republican buy books: Wal Mart.

I picked up Ann Coulter's book and said, "This chick knows her stuff."

I then decided to help this man I met at Wal-Mart go blow up an abortion clinic; it seemed like the right thing to do.

After we got placed in jail, Reverend Jerry Falwell came and bailed us out. We then made our "Gays are going to Hell" signs and descended upon downtown Crawford.

I thought to myself, yeah, this is what God wants me to do.

I then went to where I had originally started and beat up a hippie looking fellow who was protesting some Kyoto agreement.

I thought to myself, where the hell is Kyoto; my intelligence was growing by the minute now that I had made the shift.

Next, I went to the local courthouse to see if I could change my registration from Democrat to Republican.

When I asked the man said that it wasn't exactly legal to be registered in two places, but how do you think we won the last two elections. We shared a good laugh.

On my way out of the courthouse I saw that fat-ass Michael Moore with his camera crew. I punched him in the face and ran out of the courthouse with his Twinkie in hand.

As you can see, I had a very productive Spring Break trip. I finally found myself and realized that the Republicans had much more fun than Democrats do.

I almost had an orgasm when I saw President Bush's motorcade rolling out of the ranch. I inhaled those black exhaust fumes and thought life is good.

Russell Mills is a hardcore conservative who likes tax cuts and wars. If it were part of the Republican platform (and God's platform) he would get a civil union with George W. Bush

Calendar

April 01, 2005
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM Theta Chi Faculty Appreciation Dinner — MCC Witherspoon Maple
7:30 PM Guest Artist Organ Recital: William Porter — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Spanglish — MCC Mueller Theater
8:00 PM Alpha Psi Omega Eighth Annual One-Act Festival — MCC Berlin Student Lounge/Club
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Closer — MCC Mueller Theater

April 02, 2005
12:00 PM - 12:00 AM LAN Games (Computer Games Networking) — Hoyt 228
3:00 PM Senior Viola Recital: Sarah Buzzatto — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Closer — MCC Mueller Theater
8:00 PM Alpha Psi Omega Eighth Annual One-Act Festival — MCC Berlin Student Lounge/Club
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Night Owl Bowling (two vans) — MCC Entrance (Shaw Hall Side)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Spanglish — MCC Mueller Theater

April 03, 2005
Daylight Savings Time Begins (Turn Clocks Ahead)
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Canoe-a-Thon — Anderson Amphitheater and Brittain Lake
3:00 PM Wind Ensemble Chamber Recital — Orr Auditorium
3:00 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller: Spanglish — MCC Mueller Theater
7:00 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Closer — MCC Mueller Theater

April 04, 2005
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

April 05, 2005
History Day
5:15 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM "Do You Know?" Drug & Alcohol Forum — Orr Auditorium
6:30 PM Chem Club — Chem Lounge in Hoyt
7:00 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Series: M (1931 Germany) — MCC Mueller Theater
7:30 PM Faculty Concert: Brass and Woodwind Quintets — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:30 PM Men's Room Drawing — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
9:00 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255
9:00 PM Newman Club — MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

April 06, 2005
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Robin Lind, "The Effect of Text on Music with a Demonstration and Performance by the Chamber Singers" — Orr Auditorium
4:30 PM Who's Who Reception — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
6:00 PM Relay for Life Captain's Meeting — MCC Club
7:00 PM Woods Lecture: Dr. Ezra "Ted" Newman — Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater
7:30 PM Piano Recital: Nanette Solomon — Orr Auditorium
8:00 PM Circle K Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
9:00 PM Allies Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

April 07, 2005
Education Clinic Series: Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
4:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting — Patterson 113
5:00 PM Seekers Exec. Meeting — MCC 352
6:30 PM Planetarium Multi-Media Program: "The Dawn of Astronomy" — 116 Hoyt Science Center
7:00 PM Battle of the Bands — Orr Auditorium
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Biology Department Seminar — Hoyt Phillips Lecture Hall
7:30 PM Upperclass Women's Room Drawing — MCC Witherspoon Rooms
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Last weeks's answers

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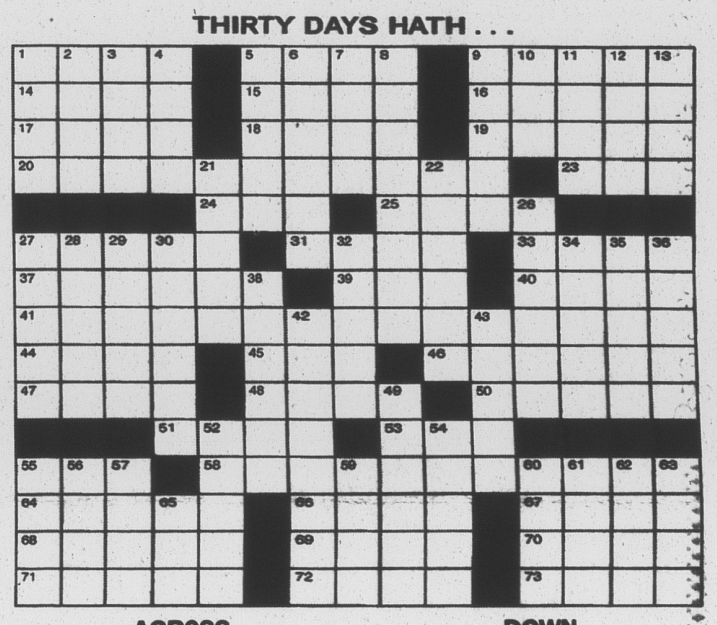

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57 Talk openly
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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): The time is right for creative self-expression. Take advantage of an opportunity to show off some of your amazing talents and personal skills.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Use music to create a positive flow of energy around you this week. Whenever you are feeling down and out, take a break and turn the stereo up.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): You will find special magic or camaraderie in doing exciting and different things with other people. Join in and expect to excel in club or group activities.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Stand up and take a bow for the professional contribution you have made in your field of expertise. Offer thanks to those who guided you along the way.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): This would be a great time to take a close personal relationship to the next level. Bite the bullet and let a loved one know how much you really care.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Do your best to eliminate stress or dissension on the job. Collect on a favor or debt owed to you by a co-worker and settle your differences.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Take steps to add a little spice or diversity to your social life. Reach out to some of the interesting people you would like to meet and make a connection.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): A moderate approach is your best defense against becoming overwhelmed with responsibilities or duties. Be very selective and take it slow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You have a knack for relating well with children. Get your ego out of the way, get down to their level, earn their trust and let the games begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Your attention or energy is centered on home and family matters this week. Fill your days with moments of shared laughter and joy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Show your support and belief in a special project. Be willing to put an important agreement in writing and eliminate all doubts and confusion.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): It pays to handle your financial affairs with a bit of wisdom and a degree of common sense. Simply spend within your budgetary limits and all is well.

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Features

Spring Break Candids: Faculty Gone Wild

Laura Zorch
Features Editor

It is hard to believe we are already back from spring break. But we are. Done and done.

My spring breaks have always been a glorious affair. Here are the highlights of the spring breaks I have spent while at Westminster College.

Freshman year: Yeah... I don't remember. That is probably because it was insanely thrilling and consisted of sitting around and thigh expansion from massive amounts of food consumption.

Sophomore year: This spring break was what dreams are made of! I spent the majority of it watching my cat die. No joke. Nothing like viewing the family pet pass away to really get you in the mood for spring.

Last week: I did actually go to Florida with my family, so that was sweet times. I also got stuck in the seventh cirlce of hell, I mean, the Orlando International Airport, for about 7 hours.

The poor people with restless kids waiting for the same plane resorted to entertaining their children by placing dirty socks on their hands for sock puppets. My boredum, thankfully, never pushed me to puppetry.

This article may have mad e you dabble in puppetry, so let's get to the point: what does the faculty do for break?

We are all aware of what most college students do on spring break (I.E.: either participating in the decay of morality in some exotic location or sitting on the couch watching TV, perhaps even tuning in to view the said moral erosion). But what about the elusive faculty of Westminster?

Being on the staff of this fine newspaper, I was able to seek out faculty in the wilds of spring break.

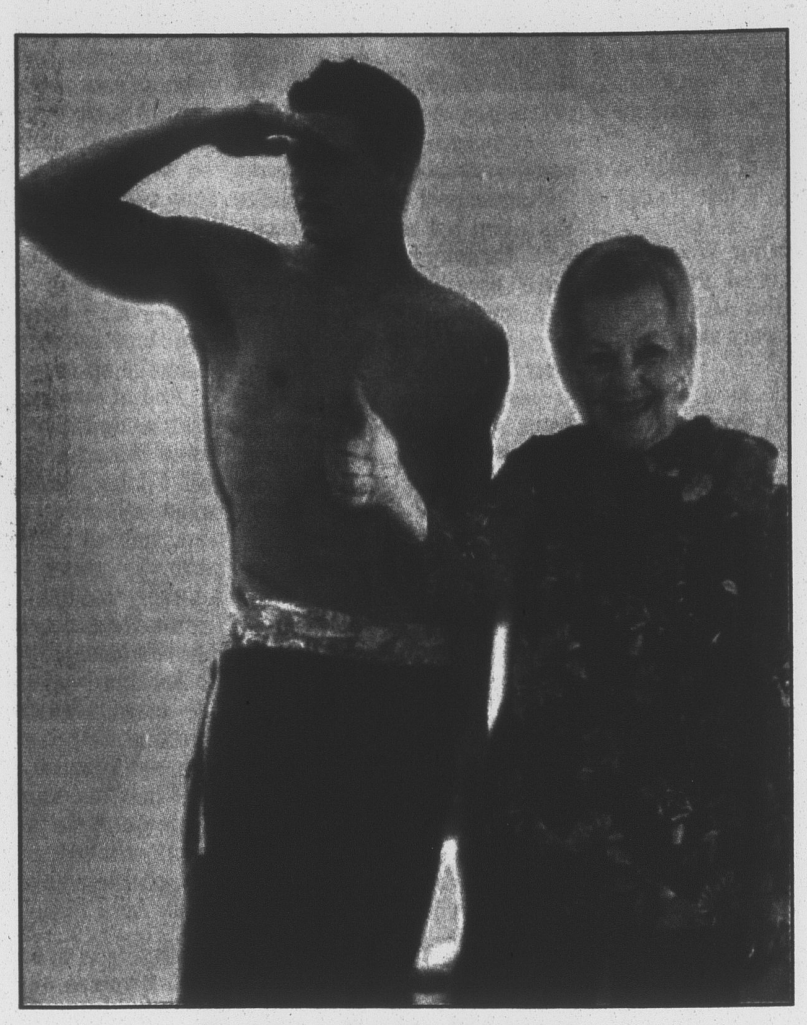
What I found was surprising.

No shuffleboard.

No mastering the art of crocheting.

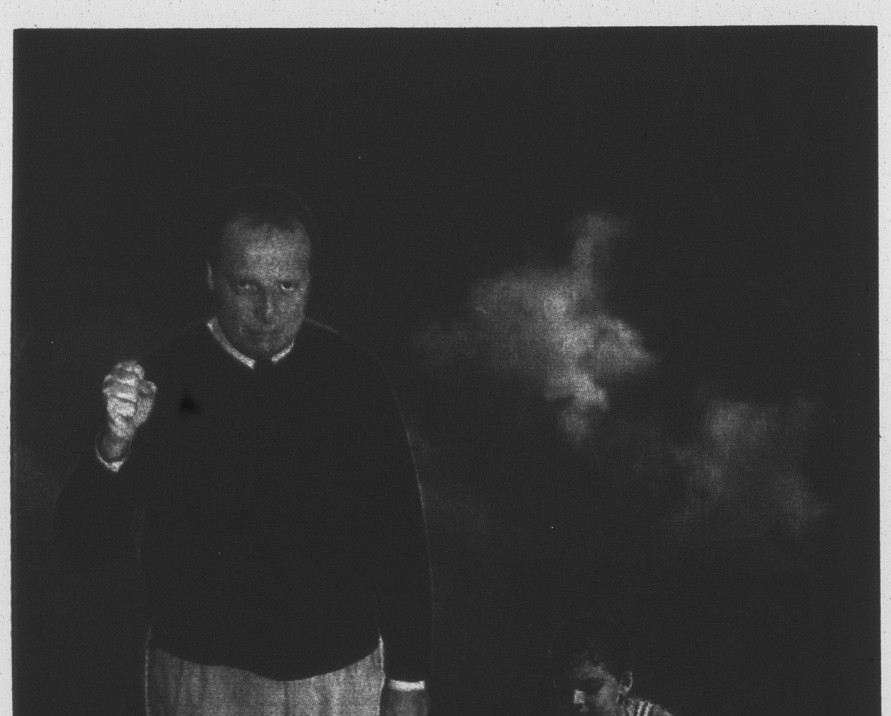
Just the wild and crazy times of Westminster faculty.

Laura is rumored to be dating Adam Brody, of 'O.C.' fame. She has also taking Hollywood by storm in other ways, by appearing in the CBS made for TV movie 'Spring Break: Shark Attack' as one of the sharks.



Name: Beth Brooks
We know her as: Our friendly Student Affairs Secretary
Last seen in: Hilton Head, S.C.

Beth Brooks thoroughly enjoys her beach time. She put on her sunscreen, but apparently not her man repellant.

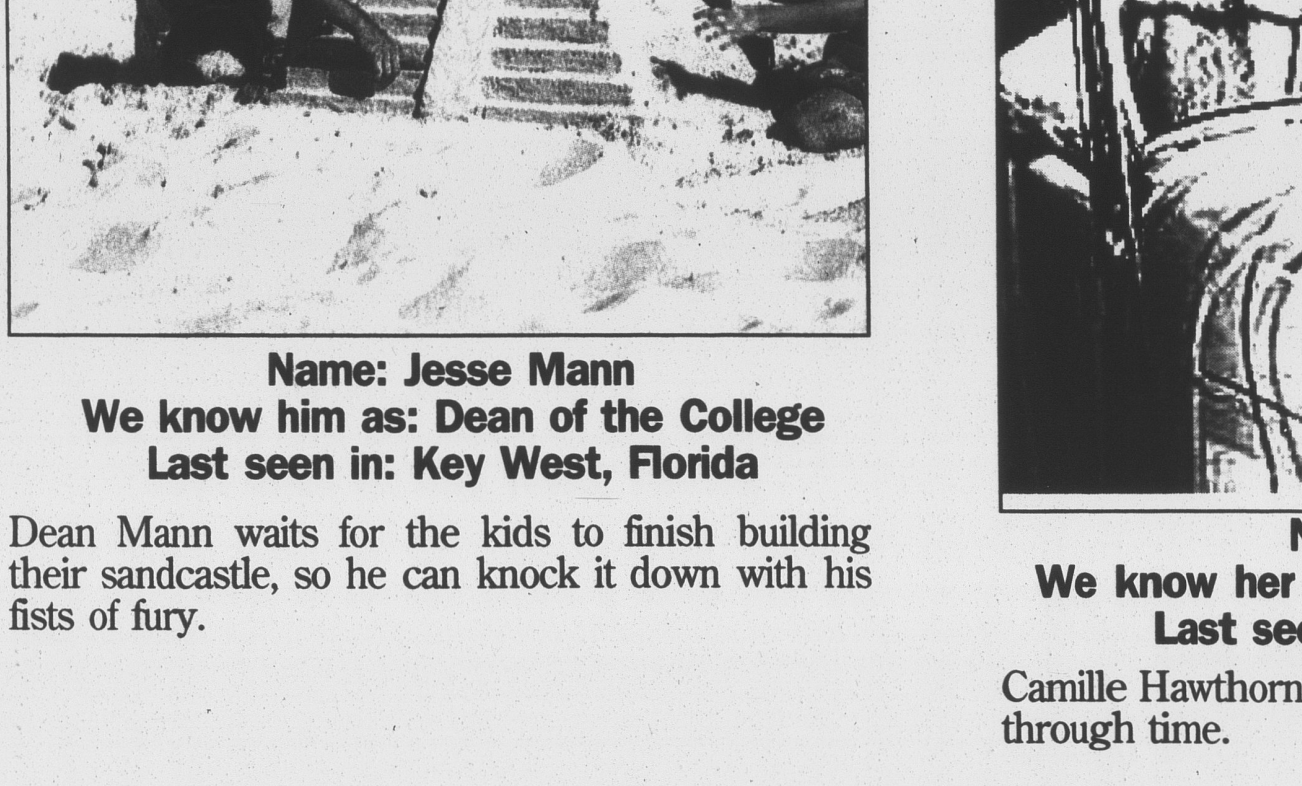


Name: Jesse Mann
We know him as: Dean of the College
Last seen in: Key West, Florida

Dean Mann waits for the kids to finish building their sandcastle, so he can knock it down with his fists of fury.

Name: Camille Hawthorne
We know her as: Associate Dean of Student Affairs
Last seen in: Laguna Beach, CA...1950

Camille Hawthorne goes on a road trip, traveling to surf... and... through time.



Names: Molly Spinney & Erin Smith
We know them as: Our helpful librarians
Last seen in: Cancun, Mexico

Librarians Molly Spinney and Erin Smith groove to the beats at a rockin' night club establishment. Books? No way!

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Extreme makeover: Website edition

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday morning, most students arose, shuffled out of their warm covers and made their pre-coffee morning e-mail check.

Here, most double-blinked, blanking in confusion. Their mouse circled a completely new, cropped Web page.

The change was so abrupt, many returning spring breakers wondered why the college chose an arbitrary Wednesday for the unveiling.

"I would have loved to see the *Holcad* and Westminster marketing work together in unveiling this project. hat way it could have happened on a Friday," sophomore John Buco said.

"Students wouldn't be blown away when waking up Wednesday morning and looking for Groupwise or some other student service."

Senior Director of Advance Adminstration Mark Meighen said it wasn't arbitrary.

"The site was launched on a Wednesday because that is the day we send an e-mail to all on-campus and off-campus Westminster Weekly subscribers," Meighen said.

What many students immediately noticed about the site was the minimal images and the missing masthead.

"I was kind of shocked by the sudden change - but in a good way. I really like the new design; it's very clear, utilizes the space in the best way possible," freshman Carsen Nesbitt said.

"It portrays much more of a serious collegiate feel than

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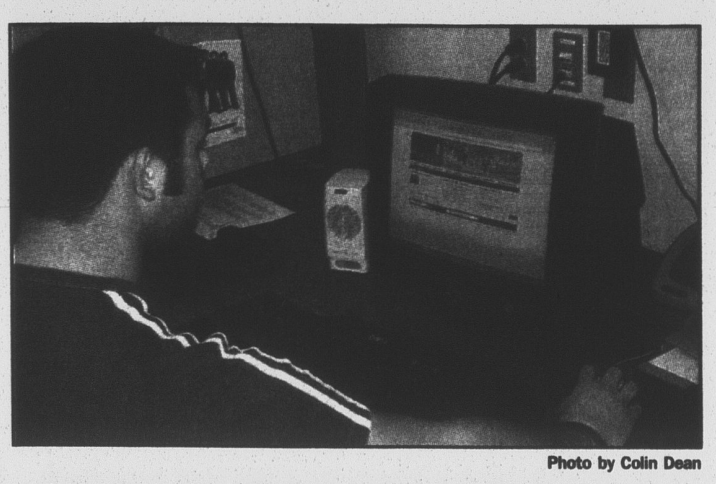

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Sophomore Seth McClarey checks out the new look of the college Web site while working in the SGA office.

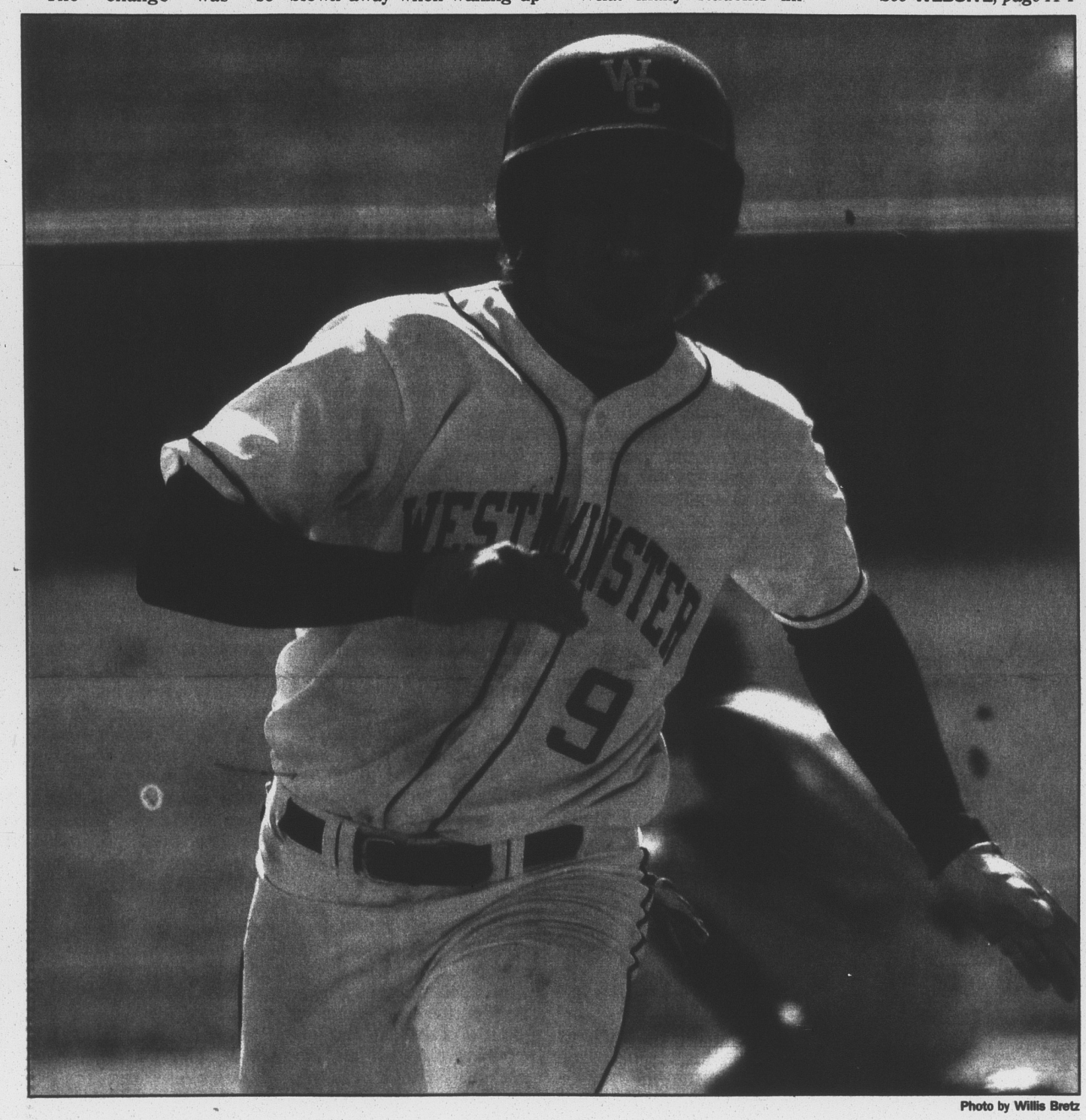

Photo by Willis Bretz

Headed for home

Brooks LeViere shows some hustle as he successfully turns a hit into a triple during the first game of the double-header played against Grove City on Tuesday, April 5. The Titans took both games and kept Grove City scoreless for the day. For a full story on the baseball team, see page B-1.

Amish country meets Big Apple

By Amanda Downs
Campus Writer

The Student Government Association gave students an opportunity to travel to New York City for two nights and lounge in the Marriott Hotel, located right in the heart. Fifty-two students took advantage of this weekend's inexpensive trip.

"I was surprised by how much interest the trip attracted," SGA President Nicole Udanis said.

"Everyone had a great time, and it gave students the chance to do something that they might have otherwise not have been able to afford on their own."

The cost of $50 covered the transportation to and from New York City, two nights in the hotel, and a tour of NBC studios.

"The price was unbelievable," junior Ben Nelson said. "For $50, I couldn't pass this trip up. I hope they do it again next year."

After a six-hour ride to New York City, students were allowed to spend their time as they pleased. Some partook in sightseeing, touring, and dining, while others focused their time on shopping. Many enjoyed time with friends at bars and clubs in the lively city.

Other activities the tourists did throughout their three-day binge included visiting the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, Trump Towers, Chinatown, and Soho. Returned travelers spoke of limo tours of the city, watching breakdancers in the subway, and purchasing knock-off handbags.

"My favorite thing I did was a carriage ride in Central Park," junior Christie Grewe said.

Although the weather on Saturday and Sunday was rainy and the wind was strong enough to snap umbrellas, no one let it ruin their weekend vacation.

"There were more umbrellas in the garbage cans than people were carrying," sophomore Charlie Judge said. "But we kept going because we had shopping to do," he added.

Students enjoyed their time in the big city, but the planning was hard work for Udanis. The event had been in the works for a year.

"It was very successful," Udanis said.

Although it is unknown if another trip like this will be offered in the future, participants and those who were unable to go this year are looking forward to the possibility.

Community service requirement nixed

By Kristan Kohley
Staff Writer

The community service requirement has been eliminated for all future students. This decision is a result of a recommendation by the Curriculum Development Committee (CDC).

The CDC has redesigned the freshmen curriculum to include only one inquiry class, Inquiry 111. Dr. Virginia Tomlinson, chairperson of the CDC, said this change influenced the decision to remove the community service aspect of the curriculum. "The community service requirement had been a structural part of Inquiry 102, but since this class has been eliminated we [CDC] had to alter the requirement as well."

In order to promote and foster community service on campus, the CDC developed the Task Force for Civic Engagement. This group, consisting of faculty members, staff and student representatives, will encourage students to serve the community on their own. "We were spending too much time on the bureaucracy of the community service requirement and weren't making good use of our resources," Tomlinson said. This task force will focus on broadening the curriculum, as well as extracurricular activities, to include campus involvement within the community.

Janet Waugaman, director of the Career Center, is a member of the task force. "The best thing about this [task force] is promoting community service while still providing a meaningful experience to students, from both academic and social perspectives." Colleen Deisler, professor of speech communication, is also a task force member. Her dissertation research on student service will be particularly helpful in designing activities to foster community involvement on campus. "I understand why it was important to have a community service requirement in the past, and I think the current move to civic engagement is a good one for Westminster students."

The CDC, which consists of several faculty members and student representatives, conducted extensive research on redesigning the curriculum. These research efforts included visiting other schools and studying their methods of integrating community service with classes. The CDC visited Muskingum College, Bethany College and Marietta College. Of particular interest to the group was Marietta College's leadership program, which incorporates community involvement within the curriculum. CDC members also held an open meeting for students last semester, gaining campus feedback on the community service requirement and its elimination.

After analyzing the results of their research, the CDC issued a report to President R. Thomas Williamson and other board members with their recommendation: "The Westminster community will benefit most from a multidimensional approach to community service to be developed by a Task Force on Civic Engagement." While it was recommended that the requirement be eliminated, the emphasis on community service will still be promoted. "The college's commitment to community involvement is as strong as ever," Tomlinson said.

This decision has received mixed reviews from students. Some students feel that the requirement is a vital part of the curriculum. Sophomore Solange Nevels said, "I don't understand why they're changing it?its not like its hurting the campus." Others believe that the requirement had lost its true meaning and was just another thing that needed to be done in order to graduate. Senior Bob Allen said, "I'm all for helping others, but what's the point in forcing people to do it [community service]? You always hear students complaining about the negative aspects of it."

The task force on civic engagement was assembled in February 2005. Student information on joining this group will be available in the future. As of now, the committee is concentrating on deciding what their next step will be in designing an approach to community service activities on campus.

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

Seniors Lori Baty, Laura Krutschnitt and Erin May found shelter underneath their umbrellas during the rainy New York City trip.

Opinion

Rant & Rave

Save the Orchard Street Cafe!

Come floss with me!

You are zee best prezenter in zee world!

You are awesome.

The future makes me stressed and grumpy. It needs to go away.

When money talks I hate to listen, but lately it's been screaming in my ear

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine

I have vision, and the rest of the world wears bifocals.

Just keep swimming...

Somedays, you have to wonder how some people even got into college.

It weirds me out when people I knew in high school are now getting married.

Senioritis: we'd fight for a cure if we weren't so lazy.

Flip flops make me happy.

For a good time, call someone else.

I do the best imitation of myself...

Who are those guys?

Are you stalking me? 'Cause that'd be fantastic.

Making up rant and raves is harder than you'd think.

Your reputation far exceeds your skills.

I'm not crazy; I'm just colorful.

Oh no, not again.

I'm rockin' the suburbs, too, yo.

Everything looks perfect from far away.

Is something burning?

I love the new Web page!

That smells most heinously.

Oh sugar, you've just gone and done the dumbest thing in your whole life.

Nothing can stop this.

Ah! My shoulder angel!

We shall meet in the place were there is no darkness.

If my wallet had a mouth, it would be gaping right now.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

We go to Westminster, not Grove City

Editor punished for "illegal substance" possession. When silly rules are taken too far...

Megan Sigler
Editor-in-Chief

Dear Megan:

The Office of Student Affairs has received an incident report in which it is reported that a candle was found in your room in Ferguson Hall on March 18, 2005.

Although the college reserves the right to take formal disciplinary action in such matters, since this is your first violation of the regulation, you will be issued an administrative fine. This fine will be $15.

That's right, Westminster. I, Megan Sigler, am guilty of possessing an "illegal substance."

I am deeply ashamed. But I hope, dear readers, that you do not look down upon me for my transgression, and in time, find it in your hearts to look me in the eye and once more respect me as an equal. Until then, I must humbly live among you as Hester Prynne lived among the Puritans with a scarlet C for candle on my chest.

I do not make a mockery of this misdemeanor. Studies have shown that the possession of a candle in one's dorm room is the first sign of a deeply troubled criminal, for it often leads to more serious felonies.

If I am not corrected for my action, the next thing you know, I will be using scented candles. Soon, I will be decorating my room with elaborate menorahs.

Charles Manson. Billy the Kid. Jesse James. Adolf Hitler. Martha Stewart. What do all of these ruthless criminals have in common? They all owned candles.

If only Westminster had been there to fine them, they might not have been led down the path of wrongdoing, and instead, could have been given a second chance before it was too late.

It is therefore relieving to know that our college is doing everything in its power to crack down on such vicious crimes.

After all, if it was not for our ever-watchful chaperones, girls and boys would dangerously wander, unescorted, around the dorms of the opposite sex. Or even worse, a young woman may have her male friend stay in her room on a weekday past midnight; because we all know that 12 a.m. is the magical hour when frisky college students' hormones suddenly kick into full gear and they begin to engage in immoral activities that are unheard of during the day. With candles, no doubt!

We at the *Holcad* understand that a college needs to have rules. However, we feel that the college also has room to, for lack of a better term, "lighten up."

For instance, we know that candles are prohibited from the dorms for our own safety. But rummaging through my room when I'm on spring break and confiscating my property without my permission and then sending me a letter in the mail a week later is shady. If the candle has clearly never been lit before, you could at least have the decency to personally confront me with a warning and ask me if I would mind putting my candle away in my car. It was not like the candle was going to light itself during break and burn down the dormitory.

Charles Manson. Billy the Kid. Jesse James. Adolf Hitler. Martha Stewart. What do all of these ruthless criminals have in common? They all owned candles.

And is it necessary to fine a young man who escorts a girl out of his dorm at the scandalous time of 12:30 a.m. as opposed to the more moral time of midnight? If a member of the opposite sex is quietly hanging out in a dorm room with friends and not causing any disruptions in the hall, then what is the harm in staying later?

The purpose of college is to prepare you for the real world, and surprising as it may be, in the real world, boys and girls are permitted to co-exist...sometimes with candles.

I came to Westminster College because it was a school that had values yet still allowed us the freedom to grow as adults. If I wanted to be treated like a small child, I would have gone to Grove City College.

But we're not at Grove City, we're here, and we therefore ask to be treated more maturely.

Now excuse me, while I go out and play in the grass.

Megan is on a payment plan for her fine. She will pay $1 for 15 weeks until it is paid off. There is a strong possibility Megan may never graduate.

Our campus in the year 2050: A look into the future

Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

Another school year is quickly coming to a close. For some of us, it is merely the beginning of more years at the 'Minster, however, for the rest of us, our collegiate experience is coming to an end.

For those of us who are graduating, some are bound for graduate school, while others will be entering the work force, while others don't really know what they want to do after graduation. It is a scary and exciting time for many of us.

The thing that we will all have in common, however, is that we are soon going to be a part of that golden group of people who seem to have their hands in almost every aspect of our lives at Westminster. From housing to food to facilities, they are everywhere and nowhere at the same time. They are...the alumni!

That's right, dear reader, I soon will be an alumnus of this fine institution and I am certainly looking forward to the perks!

Alcohol at sporting events, enforcing my whims and values upon people I don't know and schmoozing with the President (have you ever noticed that he looks an awful lot like James Cromwell?).

I can see it now! Westminster: Homecoming 2050. Actually by this point it will have become "Pepsi presents Westminster College." Thanks to our sponsor.

I am walking across the newly astroturfed quad toward some new buildings on campus. (Why Astroturf? Well it's the future...duh!) I make my way past some newly opened facilities: a building that is totally dedicated to designing new Web pages for the college, a monorail that connects Hillside to the rest of campus (unfortunately, the residents of Jeffers get shafted yet again...) and last but not least a new student center that has a lounge area with a continually rotating-changing sign (no more petitions, this area can be called anything and everything all at the same time).

And what trip to "Pepsi presents Westminster College" could be complete without seeing some of my friends that I graduated with? I see many of my old buddies!

As I walk into the alumni tent I see Ian Durham. He went on to become a television personality and is currently leading a crusade to try and change the name of the college to "The TUB."

And there is Greg Smith: scholar, politician and cheese sauce spokesperson.

I see a big group gathered and see that they have come to seek advice from Johnny Johnston, who went on to become the Pope (which was kind of strange considering, last time I checked, he wasn't a Catholic).

The featured Celebrity Series entertainer is sure to please us "old folks." It's everyone's favorite Eminem!

Rachael Mellor has just got off her national tour of her one woman show "Rachael and All That Shat."

And of course, who could forget Megan Sigler? She went on to become the squeakiest Editor-in-Chief the Washington Post ever had.

We meet up with other friends and head to an "oldies" concert that is playing at Anderson Hover-Amphitheater. (Why does it hover you may ask? It's the future... duh!).

The featured Celebrity Series entertainer is sure to please us "old folks": it's everyone's favorite Eminem! Though he's kind of lost a lot of his edge in his old age; along with a lot of his hair and teeth, he can still get the crowd pumped!

And as the moon begins to glisten off the algae encrusted shores of Lake Brittain (not everything changed) the moment takes me. I grab my wife, Hillary Duff Marmura, jump into our hover Mercedes (once again... it's the future... duh!) and go back to my hover-mansion.

And when I'm an alumni of "Pepsi presents Westminster College," I will be sure that all the current students will know how it was to go to school when I did, as I will force them all to live as I did (whether or not my attitudes and demands work with current logic). I'll demand that things stay exactly the same or I'll withhold my money.

And I know that "Pepsi presents Westminster College" will comply as my friends and I will have the institutions financial futures in our liver spotted hands.

Though the students will complain, the college will be left in a difficult spot: do as I say and get my money to keep costs down and build new facilities, or ignore my desires, don't get my money and have to jack-up tuition even more.

In the interest of a short "moral of the story" (as I am quickly running to my limit of space for this week): keep in mind that though the college makes some unpopular decisions (coed housing, visitation hours, etc...), it has to have these necessary evils in order to keep donations flowing in order to ensure costs do not rise even higher than they already have.

So, in the end, if you think a policy of the college is nonsensical please don't keep it to yourself, express your opinion and make it heard. But do consider the consequences of the actions you suggest.

And finally, when you do finally become alumni, remember that change is not always a bad thing!

Rich has based his predictions on highly scientific evidence. He is considering leaving the theater business to pursue a career as a psychic.

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Notice

The International Cultures Club is seeking to be recognized again on the college campus (they disbanded in 1997).

Their purpose is to promote on campus an awareness of foreign languages and cultures; including everything that encompasses the culture of a foreign state and shapes its policies and decision making towards other nations.

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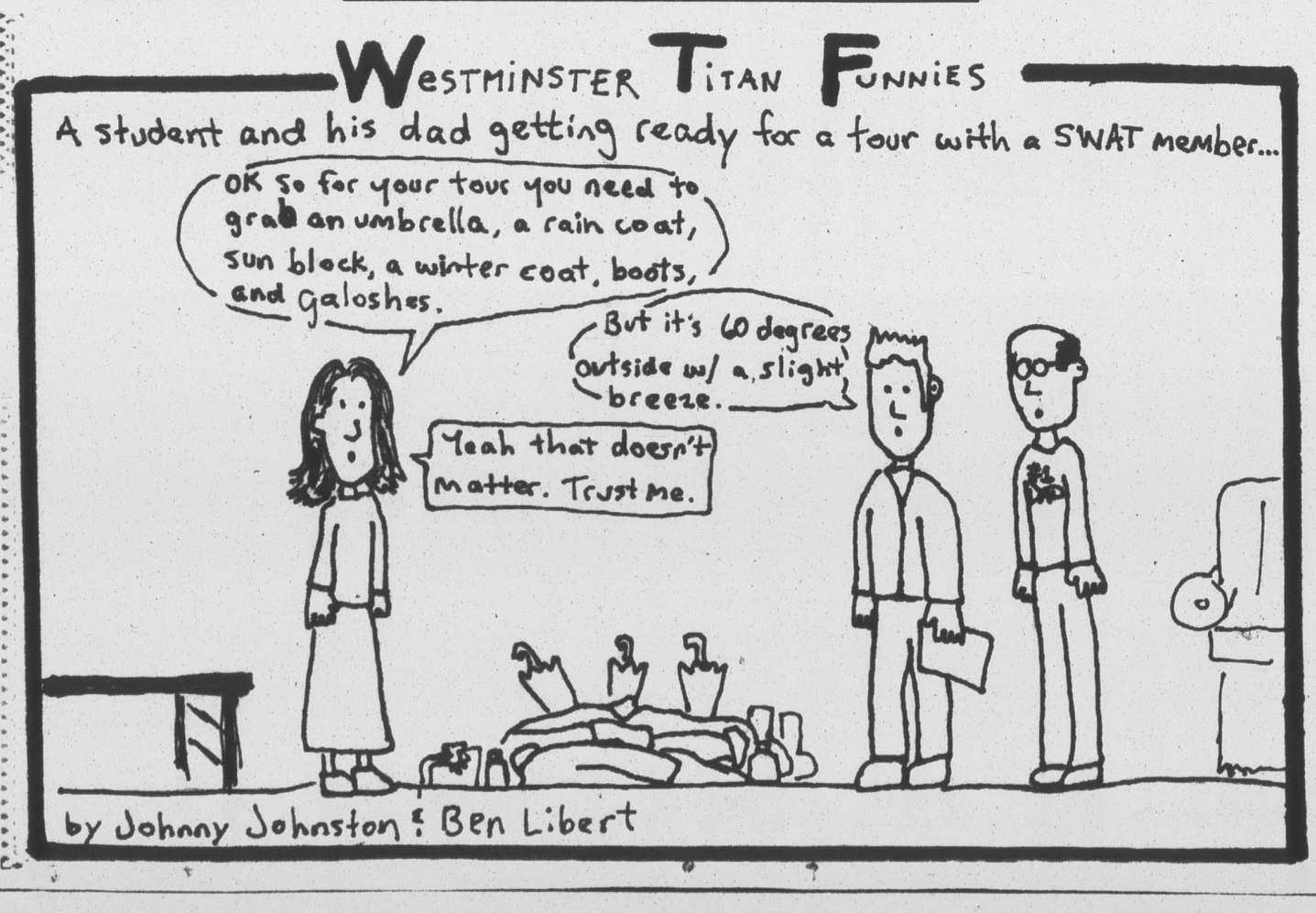

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Outside the Bubble

Poppin' the bubble

By Bryan Peck
Staff Writer

Ah, college life. There is nothing quite like being on campus during this time of year. There are classes, homework, tests, and finals to prepare for while outside the weather taunts everyone with seventy degree weather during the week and snow showers on the weekend.

Every now and then, there is an earth-shattering event on campus that everyone gets fired up about for about a week, and then forgets the moment the next episode of "American Idol" comes on.

It is a perfect little world, completely separated from anything important going on in the world.

Heck, sometimes I get the feeling that this campus would not be informed for several weeks if the sun suddenly exploded.

Therefore, the section for the regional and national news is lovingly titled "Outside the Bubble" in this paper.

I am also a victim of the Westminster bubble. When it comes to the workings of the world, I have no clue what is going on. I have been told that this is apparently "bad," so one day I sat down with a copy of the "Tribune Review" and looked over a few things that an educated person should probably know.

The Patriot act is up for review, and as governmental stuff usually goes, one side is all for renewing it and one side wants the thing removed.

Two famous people died recently. Johnny Cochran died on Tuesday from a brain tumor, and comedian Mitch Hedberg died Wednesday, March 30th from a suspected heart attack.

Also, on the Arizona-Mexican border, civilian volunteers are hindering the border patrol's search for illegal immigrants by setting off alarms and wandering around the border randomly. The border patrol is afraid that the volunteers will go into a vigilante state of mind.

After I finished with the paper, I began to question how many of my fellow students were also victims of the Westminster bubble. I got out my trusty paper and pen and began asking students their thoughts.

Many students, when asked about the events mentioned above told me that the Pope had died, which is one of those things that was so covered on the news that even I knew about it. Anyway, I did get some pretty good comments.

Let's pop the bubble.

Patriot act:

"I hope they don't renew it. Perhaps they could come up with something different, but certainly not this one." - *Mike Klass, junior*

"What the heck is the Patriot Act, and why the heck should I care? If it's anything like Patriot the movie, then renew it."- *Bill Penwell, junior*

"Basically, I think the Patriot Act was going a little too far. It should definitely be reviewed and possibly removed." - *Brad Kita, senior*

Mexican/Arizona Border:

"Mexicans come from Mexico and George W. hates them for it." - *William Giles, sophomore*

"In PA we don't see the effects of illegal aliens so much. People who cross the border for jobs and cheap medicine should be monitored, but volunteers shouldn't be lining the border like that." - *Laura Krutschnitt, senior*

Mitch Hedberg's death:

"Who's that?" - *Chaz Hackett, senior*

"I had never heard of him until he died"- *Lauren Beichner, junior*

"Who's Mitch Hedberg?" - *Abby Seymour, junior*

Johnny Cochran died:

"Meh." (apathetic-like) - *Heather Evakich, junior*

"He was a good man. I knew him well." - *Kim Nester, junior*

Bryan fights to cure the Westminster bubble: Keeping students in the dark since 1852.

Off Campus

Torture not fun for horror director

By Lucy Leitner
Pitt News

Dressed all in black, his depleted gray hair swept back, Wes Craven perched on a stool onstage to speak to Pitt students and faculty Monday night, looking the way a distinguished film director is supposed to look.

His reflection appearing in the many ornate mirrors of the William Pitt Union Ballroom, Craven talked about his career, the film industry and that great American nightmare personified, Freddy Krueger.

Breaking down the "A Nightmare on Elm Street" villain's name, Craven explained that "Freddy" was an antagonistic former co-worker on a paper route and "Krueger" is a corruption of a Nazi arms factory name. The character's burned skin serves as a mask that shields his humanity, while his nails are an extension of a claw, the most primal sort of weapon.

The olive-green and red colors on his striped sweater are the most difficult pigments for the retina to process, and his lair in the boiler room is a representation of the fiery chasm of Hell.

A dream warrior, Krueger kills teenagers in their sleep - an idea inspired by three newspaper stories about Southeast Asian children who immigrated to America and died during nightmares.

Craven elevated this reported phenomenon in a very Chuck Palahniuk-esque way, representing the story as a loss of consciousness of life.

The main character, Nancy, emerges into "a hero's journey" by refusing to fall asleep and leave herself vulnerable to the mutilated incubus.

Craven traced the presence of monsters back to the heroic saga of "The Odyssey," seeing fear and the battle against evil, and figures like mythical creatures, as representatives of primal human struggles.

Craven said he puts the fears that a culture espouses into characters, depicting "the flip-side of humanity."

He spoke of the darkness of human nature that can lurk anywhere, and he referenced writer/director David Lynch's (of "Blue Velvet," "Mulholland Drive" and surreal soap opera "Twin Peaks") incorporation of evil into the mundane.

Although Craven's career has focused on inspiring fear to help the audience confront fright, he said he wants to work in other genres, like he did in "Music of the Heart" with Meryl Streep and in his upcoming psychological thriller "Red Eye," starring the meanest "Mean Girl" Rachel McAdams.

Craven spoke of his disdain for torture and for extremely sadistic characters - although "Scream" featured a character who was forced to watch her boyfriend's intestines spill out of his stomach and "A Nightmare on Elm Street" presented Johnny Depp, in his first film appearance, being savagely eaten by his bed amid gallons of splattered blood.

In this regard, Craven referenced "Sin City" - even though the movie's character, Junior/Yellow Bastard, threatens to usurp Krueger as America's choice child molester - and described being disturbed during the notorious ear scene in "Reservoir Dogs," which caused Craven to exit the theater because "it seemed like the director enjoyed the torture."

Asked how he felt when his film "Scream" was spoofed in "Scary Movie," Craven said, "Watching it was the weirdest feeling I've had in a long time," but he added that it was "a great form of flattery."

Through more student-posed questions, the audience learned that Craven is still scared by some films, that he jumped out of his seat during "Wait Until Dark" and that he does not believe in ghosts.

A former college English teacher, the esteemed director said that when he hit the workforce, he was far more interested in writing than filmmaking, but he got the movie bug when he bought a camera.

"I just kept going for something that fascinated me, and I thought it would be really fun to do," he said.

He stressed the importance of a good work ethic, adding, "If you need to, you can get in by sweeping floors at the studio."

After all, Freddy Krueger was a janitor.

Regional

Invasive plants causing trouble for Fallingwater

By Allison Schlesinger
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Fallingwater is Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural symbol of man living in harmony with nature.

But now it seems nature is on the attack.

One of the architect's most prized buildings is surrounded by a discordant landscape dominated by invasive exotic plant species.

Non-native plants such as English ivy and honeysuckle grow nearly unimpeded in the Bear Run Nature Reserve, as the land around the house is called.

Unencumbered by natural enemies, the exotic plants strangle trees and threaten to wipe out the native vegetation, according to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, which oversees the building.

"We had been invaded and hadn't even realized it," said Cara Armstrong, Fallingwater's curator of buildings and collections.

Later this month, the conservancy will lead a volunteer effort to rip out the invasive exotic plant species and replace them with native ferns, trees, shrubs and other plants.

When Wright designed Fallingwater in 1935 for Pittsburgh department store magnate Edgar Kaufmann Sr. and his family, he placed the home on top of Bear Run, a mountain stream and one of the family's favorite picnicking destinations.

The land around the stream wasn't in pristine condition in the 1930s.

The original forest had been cleared for logging and agriculture, so the Kaufmanns planted 5,000 tree seedlings when they took possession of the land, said Richard Liberto, a horticulturist and Fallingwater volunteer.

The Kaufmanns' gardeners also used exotic species such as burning bush and wisteria in Fallingwater's landscape.

"The most you can hope for is to manage the plants, not eradicate them," Liberto said.

International

Europe's longest-reigning monarch dies at age 81 on Wednesday

By Thierry Boinet
Associated Press Writer

MONACO (AP) - Prince Rainier III, whose fairy-tale marriage to Hollywood star Grace Kelly brought elegance and glamour to one of Europe's oldest dynasties, died Wednesday, nearly a month after he was hospitalized with a lung infection. He was 81.

The funeral is expected to be held April 15, a palace official said.

A Mass for the royal family was to be held in the palace's Palatine Chapel on Wednesday evening, the official added.

Europe's longest-reigning monarch died at 6:35 a.m. from heart, kidney and lung problems at the hospital overlooking Monaco's glittering, yacht-filled harbor, the palace said.

His only son, Prince Albert, was at his side, it said.

The body of Rainier, whose family dynasty took power in 1297, was moved to his hilltop palace where it will in lie in state, the palace said.

The Mediterranean enclave's famed Monte Carlo casino closed its doors Wednesday in a sign of respect.

"Each of us feels like an orphan because the principality has been marked by his imprint over the 56 years" of his reign, said Patrick Leclercq, head of government in the principality of 32,000 people.

Rainier's doctors had called Albert about 30 minutes beforehand to tell him the end was near, the palace said. The palace declined to say if Rainier's daughters, Princesses Caroline and Stephanie, were with him when he died.

With Rainier's death, Albert took the title of Prince Albert II.

The only son of Rainier and Princess Grace, Albert becomes Monaco's de facto ruler until a formal investiture expected after a mourning period.

He took over the royal powers last week after a royal commission decided Rainier was too sick to rule.

The unmarried Albert, who has no children, inherits a French-speaking principality smaller than New York's Central Park but renowned for its casinos and the annual Monte Carlo Grand Prix.

Monaco changed its succession law in 2002 to allow power to pass from a reigning prince who has no descendants to his siblings. Albert's sisters have children.

Rainier, who assumed the throne on May 9, 1949, had to endure the tragedy of his wife's death and relentless scandals that plagued the final two decades of his rule.

The leader of Europe's longest-ruling royal family, the Grimaldis, Rainier suffered recurring health problems in recent years.

The silver-haired, portly prince underwent heart surgery in 1999 and had two operations the following year.

Recurrent chest infections put him in the hospital on numerous occasions. Most recently, he was hospitalized March 7.

"Prince Rainier remained dearly loved by his people and deeply respected by his peers as well as the world community," said U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

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Campus News

Short and sweet: One-Act Festival shines

By Sarah Milanovich
Campus Writer

This year's presentation of the Alpha Psi Omega One-Act Festival held Apr. 1 and 2 brought much laughter to the Club Room.

This year's show consisted of five one-act plays. The entire event was student produced, making it a unique experience for everyone involved.

"I watch them every year and they are always good," associate dean of student affairs Camille Hawthorne said.

This year was no exception.

The night started out with "Guys" written by Robb Badlam and directed by sophomore John Buco. "Guys" allowed the audience to watch Duff (Will Stover) and Ty (Jimmy Connell) discuss girls while sitting in a McDonald's restaurant. The audience's enjoyment of the story was evident through their laughter.

The laughs continued as the crowd got a glimpse into "A Week in the Life of God." Written and directed by junior Amanda Kovacic, it portrayed the creation from Kovacic's unique viewpoint.

With the help of the cast and her assistant director, junior Jennifer Britton, Kovacic painted a picture of creation the audience will smile about for days.

The mood of the evening soon changed with the third act. Written and directed by senior Bob Allen, "Great Hills Bash" told the story of a date rape.

Audience members listened as four people recounted a party, each with their own variation. However, one account had a very different tone as it described using a date rape drug on one of the girls who had no idea she was even raped.

"Great Hills Bash was my favorite, it kind of scared me though," first-year Jen Corkadel said.

The mood of the crowd soon lightened once again as the festival continued.

A story of lost luggage began to take shape with the fourth act. "Emotional Baggage," written by Nina Shengold and directed by junior Jimmy Connell and sophomore Sarah Timm gave the audience a new perspective on life in the lost luggage rack.

The final act ended the night with a bang. Allen also directed "The Marriage Counselor," written by Joey Oulette.

The cast's fantastic portrayal of a troubled couples' counseling session left the audience smiling.

"I thought the acts were really good and there were good crowds both nights," junior Abby Harvey said.

Photo by Johnny Johnston

Seniors Chris Medjesky and Sara Kimbell were just two of the many students who were in the One-Act Festival last weekend.

Potholes to be repaired this summer

By Andrew Dafler
Campus Writer

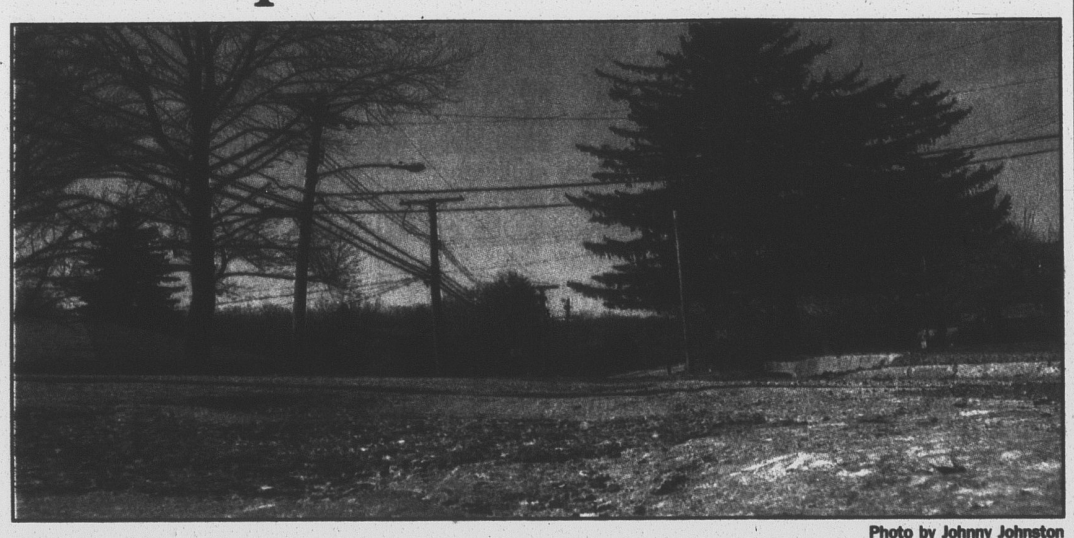

Photo by Johnny Johnston

Potholes on state Route 208, have gotten worse, leaving students, faculty and residents wondering when PennDot will repair the potentially damaging hazards.

Route 208 in the borough of New Wilmington will receive a much-needed makeover this summer. Plans are underway to pave and repair the highly weathered state-route.'

PennDot will repair and pave the pothole-plagued state Route 208 in the borough this summer upon the completion of a waterline project by the borough slated to begin this week. The harsh winter caused severe weathering on the state-route running from the Cheese Plant through town and out towards the Volant area.

Many dicey potholes have sprouted, most noticeably within the Borough limits, causing area motorists much concern about the well being of their vehicles.

Sophomore Blake Morrow voiced his concern about the condition of the state route.

"It's getting harder and harder each day to travel to such places as Subway and the Grove City outlets on 208 because of the toll it takes on my car," Morrow said.

"As a student that lives more than two hours away from school, I depend on my car a lot, especially to get home. Needless to say, my activities off of campus have been limited due to the poor conditions of that road."

Initially, the project was planned for late spring. The borough, however, has stated that the waterline project will take precedence. Now the paving won't begin before August, and that of course, all depends on the weather.

The damage is noticeable on both sides of the road, and the most damage is towards the outer-parts of the road where the traffic is more consistent- due to the daily buggy traveling of the local Amish population.

The metal of the horseshoes can chip away at the top level of pavement, thus causing water to seep into the cracks. This, in turn, causes the pavement to expand and break apart over the course of a harsh winter.

"I'm really glad and hope the paving will be done for the beginning of the fall semester, then I will have no worries," Morrow said.

Website
Students, faculty pleased by overhaul

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the previous rainbow playground we had going on."

In fact, many are thrilled with the new design.

"Well I was excited because it actually got rid of those kid colors," said junior Shannon McClain.

Freshman Terry Kerr concurs and added, "I think it's great. It looks professional, and oriented towards those who come to Westminster, rather than selling to those who might come to Westminster."

In response to the recent assessments splashed throughout the *Holcad* opinion pages, Meighen voiced in the Westminster Weekly that the masthead is gone for a particular reason.

"Admissions is now able to adapt that look on emails to prospective students, so we no longer need the masthead on our site," he said.

With the masthead gone, some students think it may be easier to simply re-introduce the original website.

"I like this one better -but I liked the first one. You know the very first one with the blue-traditional print? I liked that one the very best," junior Stephanie Nicholson said.

Webmaster Johnathan Smith says the update is merely an effort to keep up to speed with other trends.

"There [was] nothing 'wrong' with the current homepage, but the web is a fluid resource that is continually changing," he said.

"To stay up-to-date with new technologies and trends, we must also be looking at new ideas."

Theta Chi sponsors Battle of the Bands

By Tara Merrill
Campus Writer

Nothing welcomes in the spring season better than the sound of wailing guitars and a booming bass line.

The brothers of Theta Chi Fraternity sponsored a Battle of the Bands on Thursday, April 7.

The show featured the bands No Regrets, Ebony Eyes and Ivory Smiles, Sub-Audible, A Heartstring Fallacy, Missing Since November, and many more.

Breaking into the music scene can often be a complicated and sometimes disappointing process.

Not only does playing on college campuses help bands reach their target audience and create a following, it also is a great opportunity for each band to see how they match up against their competition.

"The battle was to benefit our fraternity," said Theta Chi pledge Clark Young.

"I hadn't heard much about the bands other than No Regrets and Sub-Audible. But they were all pretty good."

For the band No Regrets, featuring freshman David Greig on bass guitar, this was not the first time they have performed on campus.

The band performed seven songs at the PCMEA variety show February 19, some of which were covers and some of which were originals.

Regional History Day honors young scholars

By Lisa Williams
Campus Writer

Who shot Alexander Hamilton in that famous duel?

College students cringe at recalling such a factoid.

However, younger scholars eagerly jump at the chance to recite.

For their youthful delight, the regional History Day contest was held on campus this past Tuesday.

Twelve schools were represented in the contest, which was open to middle school and high school students in Western Pennsylvania from Beaver, Butler, Clarion, Forest, Lawrence, Mercer and Venango counties.

"The students produced exhibits, papers, performances, and documentaries that were judged by faculty and students," said Dr. David Twining, associate professor of history and organizer of the event.

The contest, divided between juniors (grades 6 through 8) and seniors (grades 9 through 12), took on the national academic contest's theme of "Communication in History: The Key to Understanding."

Exhibits were presented in Old 77, documentaries were shown in Mueller Theater, and presentations were given in the Witherspoon rooms.

"I have a strong interest in how history is taught in first through twelfth grade," said Twining.

"We're trying to use the event as a way to encourage teachers and students to do more research."

Three judges evaluated projects in each category and the groups were judged based on historical quality, relation to theme and clarity of presentation.

"It's nice to see students get excited about something historical," said Dr. Dwight Castro, professor of classics and one of the judges.

Junior histroy majaor and student coordinator Kristin Kronstain agreed.

"I love that they take the competition so seriously and are trying their best to do well," Kronstain said.

The event has been held at Westminster for 15 years.

Both faculty and students were involved in History Day.

Professors from a slew of departments including Religion, Philosophy, History, Classics, as well as Education, Communications Studies and the Theater and Art department helped run the contest.

Members of the library staff and a few upper-class students also served as judeges for the event.

Other students participated as coordinators and crowd controllers.

"We're trying to make it an activity for as many of our students who are interested as possible," said Twining.

The top three winning teams in each category received t-shirts, sweatshirts and certificates as prizes.

The top two teams in each category also won the chance to advance to the state competition, which will be held at Penn State in May.

The national competition will be held at the University of Maryland in June.

Prizes at the national competition include scholarships.

Students usually form groups in their middle school or high school classes, at the advice of their teachers.

Also, the gifted program often recommends students for the event.

"It's especially gratifying to interact with the students, who are there with their projects to interact and answer questions," said Castro.

"It adds dimension, which I like."

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Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 63	High 64	High 62	High 60	High 57	High 60	High 62
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Mostly sunny and nice	Mostly sunny and pleasant	A good deal of sunshine	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Intervals of clouds and sun	Clouds and sun

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	6:52 a.m.	7:55 p.m.
Sunday	6:50 a.m.	7:56 p.m.
Monday	6:48 a.m.	7:57 p.m.
Tuesday	6:47 a.m.	7:58 p.m.
Wednesday	6:45 a.m.	7:59 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Saturday	7:13 a.m.	9:10 p.m.
Sunday	7:39 a.m.	10:21 p.m.
Monday	8:07 a.m.	11:30 p.m.
Tuesday	8:41 a.m.	none
Wednesday	9:22 a.m.	12:36 a.m.

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Weather History

So much dust became airborne in Kansas and Iowa on April 10, 1935, that schools and highways closed. The "Dust Bowl" days of the 1930s have been blamed on land misuse and climate.

Regional Cities

City	Saturday Hi Lo W	Sunday Hi Lo W	Monday Hi Lo W	Tuesday Hi Lo W	Wednesday Hi Lo W
Akron, OH	61 39 s	64 46 s	66 45 pc	61 43 c	57 34 r
Butler, PA	62 35 s	65 41 s	62 36 s	58 37 c	57 34 sh
Cambridge, OH	66 36 s	67 44 s	68 46 pc	66 44 c	61 35 r
Canton, OH	62 38 s	65 45 s	66 43 pc	62 42 c	58 35 r
Cincinnati, OH	65 42 s	71 48 s	70 45 pc	66 44 r	65 42 r
Clarion, PA	61 36 s	64 44 s	64 42 s	59 39 c	55 31 sh
Clarksburg, WV	64 37 s	69 43 s	69 46 pc	64 44 pc	60 31 r
Cleveland, OH	58 37 s	62 40 s	60 42 pc	60 40 s	56 36 r
Columbus, OH	64 42 s	66 48 s	68 49 pc	65 48 s	60 39 r
Cumberland, MD	57 38 pc	66 45 s	68 46 s	61 40 pc	56 32 sh
Erie, PA	53 38 s	58 42 s	59 43 s	56 40 c	53 34 sh
Franklin, PA	62 37 s	65 44 s	64 42 s	59 40 c	56 31 sh
Greensburg, PA	65 38 s	67 47 s	69 46 s	63 43 c	59 34 sh

City	Saturday Hi Lo W	Sunday Hi Lo W	Monday Hi Lo W	Tuesday Hi Lo W	Wednesday Hi Lo W
Greenville, PA	62 38 s	63 44 s	65 45 s	60 41 c	56 31 sh
Grove City, PA	62 37 s	64 43 s	65 44 s	60 42 c	57 31 sh
Hagerstown, MD	57 40 pc	66 42 s	62 36 s	59 38 pc	56 33 sh
Indiana, PA	64 38 s	65 44 s	66 44 s	63 40 c	55 34 sh
Jamestown, NY	55 36 s	59 40 s	58 41 s	56 38 sh	50 31 sh
Kittanning, PA	64 39 s	66 44 s	66 46 s	63 43 c	57 34 sh
Lisbon, OH	62 39 s	65 46 s	66 45 pc	62 43 c	57 34 r
Mansfield, OH	61 41 s	64 45 s	65 44 pc	62 43 c	60 35 r
Marietta, OH	66 38 s	70 44 s	70 47 pc	67 44 pc	63 36 r
McKeesport, PA	64 38 s	69 44 s	67 46 s	62 38 c	60 34 sh
Meadville, PA	59 40 s	61 43 s	62 44 s	58 41 c	56 32 sh
Morgantown, WV	62 40 s	66 45 s	69 47 s	63 42 pc	60 33 r
New Castle, PA	63 40 s	64 42 s	64 43 s	61 40 c	57 34 sh

City	Saturday Hi Lo W	Sunday Hi Lo W	Monday Hi Lo W	Tuesday Hi Lo W	Wednesday Hi Lo W
Oil City, PA	63 38 s	66 45 s	65 43 s	60 40 c	56 31 sh
Pittsburgh, PA	64 38 s	69 44 s	67 46 s	62 38 pc	58 34 r
Sharon, PA	62 39 s	64 43 s	65 44 s	60 39 c	56 33 sh
Somerset, PA	54 38 pc	61 45 s	62 45 s	55 39 pc	51 31 sh
Steubenville, OH	63 41 s	67 47 s	66 46 pc	63 44 c	59 34 r
Uniontown, PA	63 35 s	67 43 s	70 45 s	63 41 pc	60 30 sh
Warren, OH	62 38 s	64 45 s	66 46 pc	62 42 c	57 33 r
Washington, PA	63 32 s	66 40 s	69 43 s	63 39 c	59 31 sh
Waynesburg, PA	62 35 s	66 42 s	69 45 pc	63 40 pc	59 32 sh
Wheeling, WV	63 41 s	67 49 s	66 46 pc	63 45 c	59 33 r
Youngstown, OH	62 38 s	64 44 s	66 46 s	61 42 c	56 33 r
Wooster, OH	61 36 s	64 43 s	65 44 pc	61 41 c	60 34 r
Zanesville, OH	67 37 s	68 44 s	69 47 pc	66 45 c	62 36 r

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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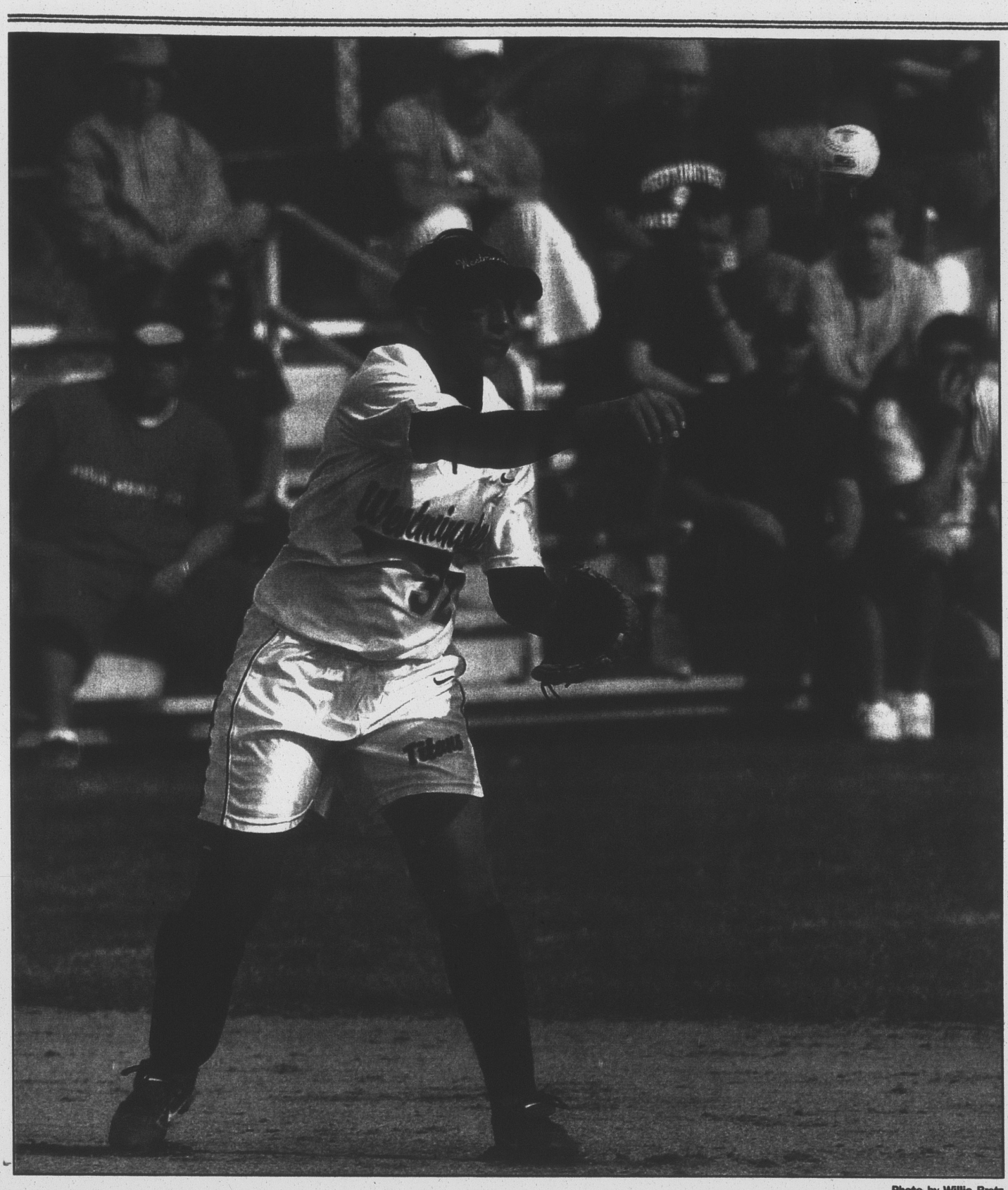


Photo by Willis Bretz

You're out!

Shortstop Maria Joseph throws out a Mount Union base runner at second base on March 31. The Lady Titans split the double-header with Mount Union. The Ladies went on to defeat Hiram and Case Western Reserve, increasing their record to 11-3. The Ladies played LaRoche yesterday and play at Pitt-Bradford Sunday, April 10.

Baseball team looks to hit grand slam this season

Tom Heath
Sports Editor

The Titan baseball team's trip to Florida in way of strong play has been brought back with them to New Wilmington as they move into PAC play. Last Friday, they pounded PAC rival Grove City 13-4, and in a double header on Tuesday, once again took it to the Wolverines 5-0 and 3-0.

With a lot of the talent from last year's team carrying over into this year, the team is completely different. The disappointing end to the season has left a visible impact on the players and without a doubt left a sour taste in their mouths.

Coach Carmen Nocera has a very positive outlook on this baseball team and especially after Florida. "In our (spring) trip, our team chemistry was unparalleled. The senior leadership is second to none this year."

On the trip, senior Brian Andrews boasted a batting average just a shade under .900, impressive at any level. Kevin Gesacion was honored as PAC and ECAC player of the week, mainly for having six stolen bases. The team has also had strong showings from other seniors such as Ron Florian, Joe Switalski, Rick Straw, Brooke LeViere and Mike Mackin. Not only are the seniors playing at a top level. Coach Nocera also boasted that he has 18 talented freshmen who will continue to improve as time passes.

Not only have the Titans been successful on the base path and at the plate, the pitching has also been outstanding. Brenton Gilmore, Tony Cunningham, Scott Carney and Craig Hannon have all been throwing tough from the mound.

"Defensively, we have been also very successful thus far. Last year's team had much more talent batting as well as in the field. However, this group of guys is much more cohesive, aggressive, and bright and are much more fundamentally sound."

Nocera also added, "I have to say that we have really come together as a team and the unselfish play has really helped the team morale not to mention have the ability to play with anyone at the division three level."

The team, however, could have some bumps in the road ahead as the PAC has evolved into a better league. Washington and Jefferson just one season ago had 25 freshmen and took the conference crown.

However, I really believe that if we keep playing at the level that we are, no one will be able to contend. After seeing the Grove City double header, I am a believer in this team.

The ability as well as the intimidation factor is in place. It's up to consistent play as well as the weather in this interesting climate. Who knows when we'll see snow next; maybe next week, maybe next year?

Coach Nocera also added that things are much different this year due to one factor that has lacked in years past. "Our kids believe."

The majors have a lot to live up to after last season

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

Spring is a special time for sports' fans because baseball season returns.

After an exceptional postseason in 2004, baseball officially regained its importance on the national stage.

Last year's postseason couldn't have been scripted any better. As a result, 2005 promises to entertain. The following story-lines will be played out to provide fans with more than a few reasons to make it to the ball park this summer.

10. Steroids

Sure, we've all grown tired of the talk of BALCO, Federal Grand Juries and Jose Canseco's literary wit. However, as the opening night telecast proved, baseball and steroids have become essentially inseparable terms. With one will come talk of the other.

9. Young Guns

Pittsburgh's Oliver Perez, San Diego's Jake Peavy and Oakland's Rich Harden represent a youth movement among the league's pitching elite. At some point within the next five years, one of these young men will garner a Cy Young Award.

8. Pink Slip

Lloyd McClendon's tenure with the Pittsburgh Pirates will likely reach its end in the 2005 season.

The Steelers' success will likely make the Pittsburgh faithful anxious for baseball success. McClendon will be the first manager to be fired this season.

7. Mulder and Hudson

In Oakland, the Barry Zito Band goes solo this season because his old bandmates have taken their talents elsewhere. Mark Mulder is in St. Louis and Tim Hudson is in Atlanta. Both Mulder and Hudson will likely find National League waters friendly. Look for the Cardinals and Braves to contend for the N.L. pennant.

6. Pujols Power

At last season's end, I felt that Albert Pujols was the most dominant force in the National League and his performance garnered the N.L. MVP.

However, that award went to Barry Bonds. Because of Bonds' early season injury, look for Pujols to claim award that I feel is a season overdue.

5. "L.A." Angels

Will the Angels new moniker mean success on the field? Not quite sure. However, tapping into that L.A. market certainly will boost revenue.

4. .400 Series

Can Ichiro hit .400? I think he can, but the circumstances need to right. His team needs to challenge for the A.L. West crown because he'll be driven by team needs over individual accolades.

3. Beasts in the East

The A.L. East is M.L.B.'s strongest, followed tightly by the N.L. East. The Yankees, Red Sox, Braves and Marlins will be playing in October. All that remains to be determined is league championships and wild cards.

2. Two-Man

At some point, a healthy Barry Bonds will pass Babe Ruth and move into second place on baseball's all-time homerun list. We root for those athletes we like; Barry's fan base is rapidly shrinking.

1. DEFENSE

For the first time in 86 years the Red Sox enter the season as the reigning champs. The crown is theirs until it's taken away. It's good to be king.

Teams place first at Westminster Invitational

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

Both men's and women's track teams were in action this past weekend as they took on the competition right here at the Westminster Titan Invitational.

The terrible weather did scare some spectators away, but the competitors had the brace the conditions as tuff it out.

It was a seven-team field that included Bethany, Hiram, Myers, Notre Dame Ohio, St. Vincent, Waynesburg and West Liberty State. There was no overall winner in the competition as no team score was kept.

When it cam to the Titan men, four winners stood out from the rest. Senior Phil Frye led the way finishing first in the shot put with a distance of 14.08 meters.

Fellow senior, Brad Zerbe also grabbed a first place finish in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:29.97.

Junior Adam Hadbavny took first in both the javelin and the discuss as well as places second in the shot put event with a distance of 14.07 meters.

Rounding out the men was Freshman Ben Jones who captured first in the triple jump with a leap of 11.99 meters.

For the ladies it was Junior Sonya Cole leading the way as she won first in the shot put with a mark of 12.31 meters.

Freshman Lindsay Egg was also a winner as they placed first in the triple jump with a jump of 9.51 meters.

Lastly there was Sophomore Rachael Cooper who took first place honors in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:22.54.

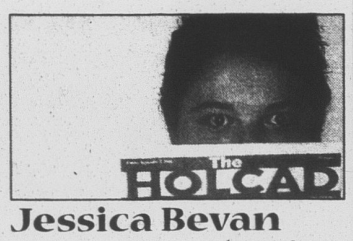
Both track teams are back in action as they travel to Washington and Jefferson for they colleges Invitational.

Photo by Willis Bretz

Jessica Nix placed third in women's pole vault during the Westminster Titan Invitational held on April 2.

Arts & Entertainment

That's funny: Making TV a happier place



Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

You know what's fun? Reminiscing. Mmhmm.

I remember the (questionably) good old days of my freshman and sophomore years, when VH1 and TBS were among the few stations we got in our cable package.

That's right you, youngin's. No MTV, no TLC, no Bravo, and certainly no Lifetime, Television for Women.

We were forced to live drab and dreary lives without new episodes of the Real World, Golden Girls reruns, and Celebrity Poker Showdown.

Oh, the horrors.

Now, while I still partake in the joys of an extended cable system, I find myself strangely drawn to those old standbys, VH1 and TBS, even at home where I have access to things like HBO and Oxygen.

VH1 has gone from a mediocre channel that occasionally played Movies that Rock (if they show Fame anytime in the very near future, I'd be such the happy girl) and adult contemporary music videos in a very short time. Like the past year or so.

Now, the movies still pretty much rock (save for that one Mark Wahlberg/Jennifer Aniston disaster they insist on showing), but they have become a glorious beacon of pop culture goodness.

I Love the '80s brought the great comedic antics of Mo Rocca, Hal Sparks, Loni Love, and, my homeboy, Michael Ian Black into our hearts.

The Best Week Ever? Always is in my book.

One of my favorites is My Coolest Years. Not entirely sure why, but I find stories about the formative years of Steveo, Julio Eglasias, Jr., and Da'Brat is greatly entertaining.

The cherry on the sundae may be the train wreck that is The Surreal Life. You can't help but watch. It might just be me, but there is something strangely humbling about the idea of a handful celebrities act not-so fabulously. Never in my life did I imagine Peter Brady in the same house as Mini-me.

It's been a good while since TBS really stunk up the airways, but in the last two years or so, they've also made some incredible improvements.

You could probably tune to channel 44 around 1:00 p.m. for reruns of The Cosby Show and not have to change to something else for the rest of the afternoon and evening. It's that good.

There are three major things about the new "that's funny" TBS.

One, Friends is on almost every night of the week.

Two, there are quality, funny movies every weekend and even some of those late nights when you're having trouble getting to sleep.

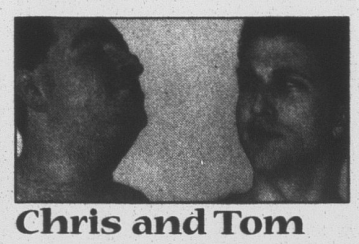
Three, and most importantly, TBS is the new home to Sex & the City. This is one of the best shows ever.

It's educational for boys, entertaining for the ladies, and all-around good. It brightens my Wednesday nights and makes for a happy end to hump-day.

Since you are all so smart (you read the Holcad after all), I'm sure you were well aware of these wonderful TV staples. But it's still fun to reminisce.

Jessica Bevan is a senior, double majoring in English and public relations. She's also a layout editor for this fine paper and is a 'Miranda'.

Comic noir: Sin City is not for wimps



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

Noir-style films have been an off and on genre since their beginnings before World War II. Every few years, a new director provides his or her own interpretation of the film noir genre.

Sometimes these films are successful, such as L.A. Confidential, while other times they don't work as well.

Sin City is a hard call as to whether it is entirely successful at accomplishing the film noir genre.

While Sin City indeed owes much inspiration to film noir, the film is based on the violent pulp novels by Frank Miller. Miller is given co-director status for the film, as he was an on-set advisor to maintain the authenticity of the film.

Miller also appears as a priest in one particular scene. Nevertheless, the mood and atmosphere of the film would never work as well without Miller's influence.

To attempt a synopsis of the plot and all of the characters would be ridiculous. The film follows three main heroes in completely different storylines.

Bruce Willis plays Hartigan, a hard-ass detective who is ready to retire. However, he feels he must solve one last case before his end: capture a murderous pedophile.

The rarely seen Mickey Rourke is Marv, the next hero, or should we say anti-hero, as he searches for the killers of his one-night stand love, Goldie.

The should-to-be Bond, Clive Owen, plays Dwight, a sly gun-wielding bad-ass who aids a band of hookers in maintaining order in Old Town.

You may have noticed that these stories do not seem to relate to each other. In fact, they don't.

Sin City is more a compilation of various aspects of the city itself.

The essence of the city is the main character and the point of the film. It is an exaggeration of the sins and vices of the world in which we actually live.

In order to survive, you must have a gun - otherwise you're dead. Sex is the only other weapon, as an army of prostitutes rule Old Town.

If you are easily offended by content in films, then do not see this one. Sin City leaves nothing to the imagination as it pokes fun at the church, politics, police, women, men, tarpits... Okay, everything.

This film ranks as one of the more violent films we have ever seen, even out-goring Kill Bill.

What makes Sin City an interesting film is the use of color and art direction. Unlike Hero, which used color to symbolically represent the story, Sin City color is to heighten the violence.

Filmed mainly in black and white, Sin City bursts with red blood, yellow urine, and golden hair. This use of color makes each act of sin more outstanding and vile.

It is nearly impossible with this color technique to miss just how bad everyone's actions are whether the person is a hero or villain.

Sin City is a ride that many will take and less will enjoy. It is by no means classical in noir style, and fundamentalist fans of Double Indemnity and Sunset Blvd. will be put off.

Those more in touch with Pulp Fiction or even Rodriguez' own Once Upon A Time in Mexico may find this film to be too much of a stretch.

There are those that this film is just right for and they, being the graphic novel fans, the ultra-violence lovers, and those that love justice over injustice no matter what, will certainly be at home.

Just do us a favor and don't cheer for the 60 year old man to hook up with the 19 year old like they did in our audience.

This is a tough call, so we'll cop-out and say B-B+.

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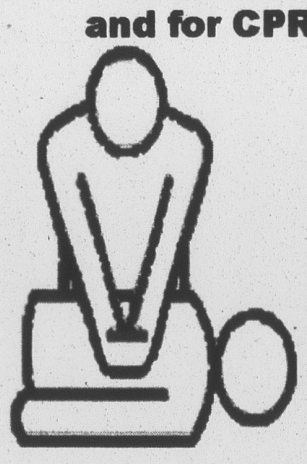

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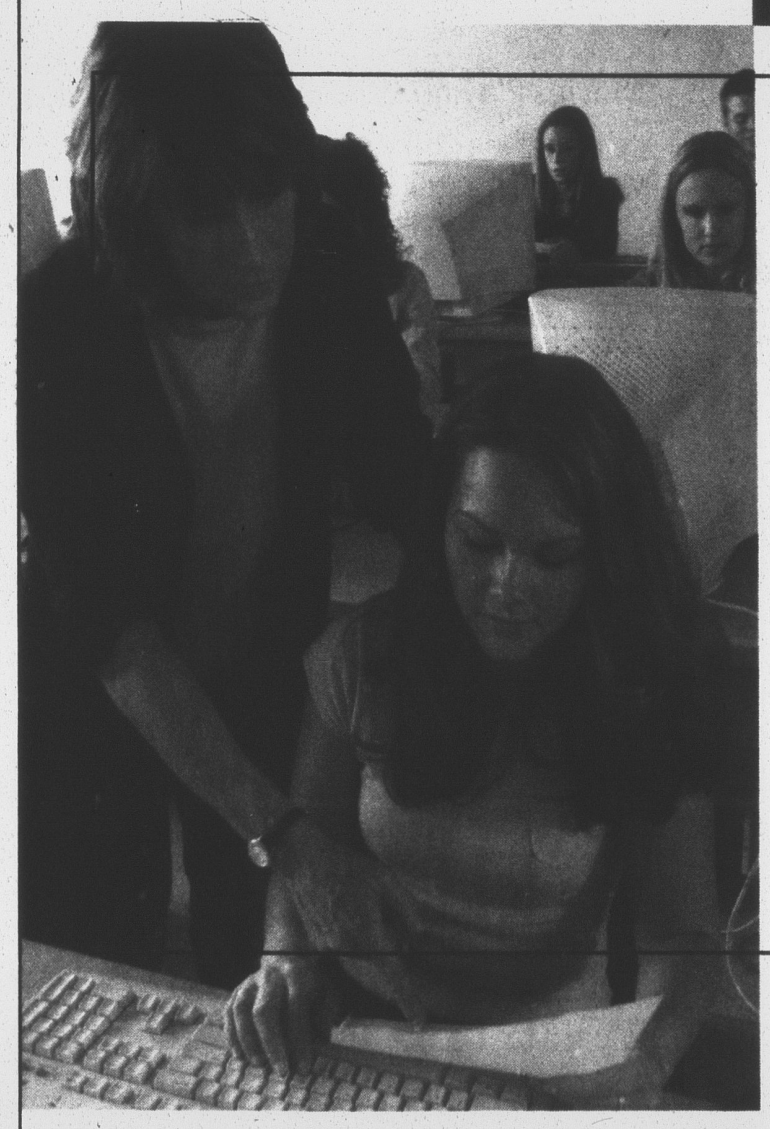

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April 08, 2005
Last Day to Withdraw (if approved, $15 Fee)
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
6:30 PM Planetarium Multi-Media Program: "The Dawn of Astronomy" — 116 Hoyt Science Center
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Meet the Fockers — MCC Mueller Theater
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Titan's Tavern — MCC Club/Lounge
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Events — MCC Mueller Theater

April 09, 2005
3:00 PM Planetarium Multi-Media Program: "The Dawn of Astronomy" — 116 Hoyt Science Center
7:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM Green Party Concert — MCC Lounge/Club
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Events — MCC Mueller Theater
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Meet the Fockers — MCC Mueller Theater

April 10, 2005
12:30 PM - 8:00 PM Second Annual Progressive Conference: Democracy, Peace, and the Environment (Registration begins at 11:00 am) — Patterson Hall
3:00 PM Concert Choir Concert — Wallace Memorial Chapel
3:00 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller: Meet the Fockers — MCC Mueller Theater
6:15 PM IFC Meeting — MCC 255
7:00 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Events — MCC Mueller Theater

April 11, 2005
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
4:30 PM All-Campus Book Discussion — TBA
4:30 PM - 11:00 PM SGA Audits — MCC 352
9:00 PM Circle K Meeting — Patterson 231
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

April 12, 2005
REGISTRATION — MCC Witherspoon
4:30 PM - 11:00 PM SGA Audits — MCC 352
5:00 PM Phi Alpha Theta Spring Colloquium
9:00 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255
9:00 PM Newman Club — TBA
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

April 13, 2005
Allies' Day of Silence
REGISTRATION — MCC Witherspoon
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Barbara Faires, "A Mathematician Reads Architecture" — MCC Mueller Theater
7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater
7:30 PM Opera Westminster Presents Opera Italiana — Orr Auditorium
8:00 PM Circle K Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
8:30 PM Seekers College Fellowship — MCC Club/Lounge
9:00 PM Allies Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

April 14, 2005
REGISTRATION — MCC Witherspoon
11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting — MCC 255
4:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting — Patterson 113
6:00 PM Watershed Symposium — MCC Mueller Theater
6:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
6:30 PM Planetarium Multi-Media Program: "The Dawn of Astronomy" — 116 Hoyt Science Center
8:00 PM Mortar Board Meeting — Patterson 231
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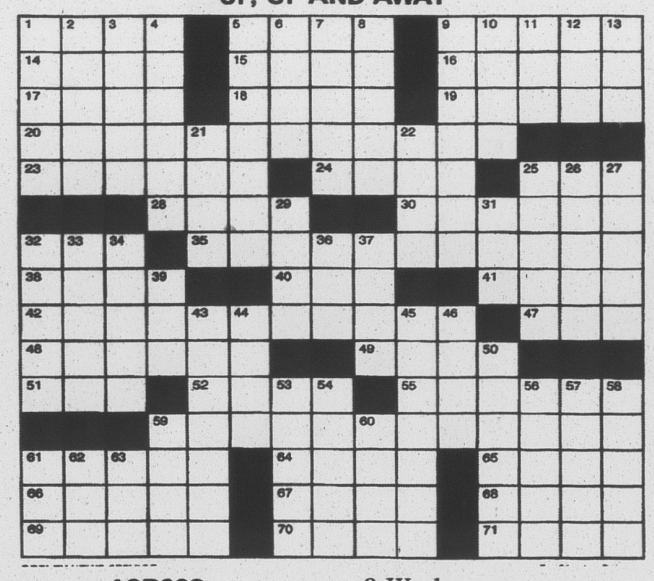

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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Follow up on a need or desire to heal a special relationship. Use charm, compliments or kind words to break the ice and make some leeway.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Plan to spend quality time alone this week. Organize your affairs and prepare to blaze new trails in pursuit of your dreams and goals.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Be aware that the contribution you have to make to a club or group is very important. Step up to the plate and make a conscious and wise choice.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): It is very close to goal-achievement time. When the light turns green in your professional arena, get in gear and proceed at full speed.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Avoid sitting in judgment of others. Keep an open mind and you are likely to benefit immensely from their knowledge, wisdom and insight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): With effort and willpower you can make a wish or dream come true. Do not hold back and wait for success to come to you. Focus and push forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Take steps to improve your communication style. Practice speaking out and saying what is on your mind. Also encourage your partner to do the same.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Figure out the best way to increase morale and productivity on the job. Break new ground and win favor with an inventive idea or suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Make great strides in the social arena this week. Partake in a special hobby or pastime and share the joy with a few of your closest friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Take time to enjoy the comforts of home. Stop, get quiet and appreciate all you have that helps to make your nest a special place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Assumptions or guessing could spell disaster. Express yourself clearly and do not leave any room for doubt or misunderstandings.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): A timely review of your budget will reveal areas of weakness. Take control of your spending and avoid accruing additional debt.

Summer Session 2005

June 6, 2005-July 18, 2005

Dept	NBR	IP	Course Title	Days	Dates	Time	Room	Faculty
*ART	106		Hand building Ceramics	M,W	June 6-July 18	9:00-12:45*	PH 308	Wulsch
ART	306	VP	Camera & Computers	T,R	June 7-July 14	6:00-9:45	TC 205	Cox
BA	601		Strategic Management	T,S	May 25-July 20	T-5:45-9:30 S-8:45-12:30	TBA	Miller
*BIO	101		Concepts of Biology	M,T,W,R,F	June 6-July 18	9:00-12:00*	HSC 150	McCarthy
*CHE	261		Organic Chemistry I	M,T,W,R,F	June 6-July 1	8:00-12:00*	HSC 369	Staff
*CHE	262		Organic Chemistry II	M,T,W,R,F	July 5-Aug 1	8:00-12:00*	HSC 369	Sherwood
EDU	201	ST	Foundations of Education	M,W	June 6-July 18	6:00-9:45	TC 315	Staff
ENG (FS	104 304)	HC	War literature & film	T,R	June 6-July 18	6:00-9:45	TC 210	Sprow
ENG	201		English Grammar	M,T,R	June 16-July 28	6:30-9:00	HSC 166	Preston
*HIS	301		America in the 1960s	M,W	June 6-July 18	9:00-12:15*	TC 210	Twining
PHI	102	RP	Practical Logic	T,W,R	June 6-July 18	6:00-8:30	TC 314	Rennie
*PHY	151	SD	Principles of Physics I	M,T,W,R,F	June 6-June 24	7:30-12:30*	HSC 152	Staff
*PHY	152		Principles of Physics II	M,T,W,R,F	June 27-July 18	7:30-12:30*	HSC 152	Staff
PS	215		Politics of Rock & Roll	T,R	June 7-July 28	6:00-9:45		Rhoads
PSY	101	ST	Introduction to General Psychology	T,W,R	June 7-July 7	9:00-12:00*	HSC 166	Lunnen
*SOC	101	ST	Principles of Sociology	T,W,R	June 7-July 7	9:30-12:30*	TC 315	Park

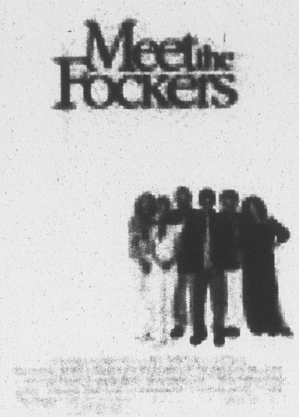
There will be no classes on Monday, July 4, 2005.

***DAY CLASSES EVENING CLASSES**

For more information stop by the LLP office or call Carol Yova at Ext. 7353.

McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

"Meet the Fockers" OPEN "Lemony Snickets"



Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater

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FRIDAY!
Titan's Tavern
10pm - 2am
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

SATURDAY!
Green Party Concert
8:00 pm
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

Late Night
Monday-Tuesday-Thursday

10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
The Club Room

COMING SOON...

Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

Apr.16	Relay for Life
Apr.16	Night Owl Bowling
Apr.22	Titan Tavern
Apr.23	Sing n Swing
Apr.30	Volley Rock

Features

PDA: Public Displays of Awkwardness

Survival guide for singles and couples alike

Laura Zorch
Features Editor

Spring is in the air, and so is love apparently. It seems like when the sun finally comes out in western PA, things get crazy.

Relationships are blooming along with the flowers in the gardens. And single people are feeling all the more single.

While couples frolic through fields of daisies, those without a mate are left to be alone and get awkwardly hit on by folks in the Home Depot parking lot.

In order for this beautiful spring time to be a wonderful experience to all, I have prepared some tips for those in relationships and those not in relationships, so we can all live harmoniously and what not.

Read on, being the sage of all things love related, I think I have cooked up some fabulous guidelines.

How to be in a relationship (and not be obnoxious

- No one cares how much you miss your boy/girlfriend. Have you seen this person within the last 24 hours? Yes? Then cut the crap.

Maybe you should spend more time finding a life and less time pining for your significant other you saw at lunch.

- Refrain from using any form of the words 'baby' and 'honey' in reference to each other in public.

No sound has ever been created that is more mind-numbing than a couple cooing those pet names. (Kenny G's smooth jazz remix of Outkast's 'The Way You Move' takes a close second.)

- Stop talking to significant other incessantly on the phone. You may think this is cute in a "we can't live without hearing each other's voices" way, but you are also delusional.

- No baby voices. This actually isn't directed to those in relationships, but rather society as a whole. Every time someone speaks in a baby voice, somewhere a puppy (something that is actually cute) dies.

- Use discretion with P.D.A. Please draw the line somewhere between handholding and "We should be investing 10 dollars on a visit to a motel with soiled linens and stained carpet."

Lean more towards the handholding, if you would be so kind. Another general rule: don't participate in any sort of making out in front of small children and the elderly.

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How to survive singleness

- Don't settle. It might be tough being a one in this world of twos, but it still beats explaining to your friends and family why your boy/girlfriend forgets your name, sells scooters out of the back of a van, and wears a shirt that reads: "I eat babies."

- Keep your money, and avoid the books about how to be awesome and single at the same time.

First of all, there is a great chance that you will only feel worse about being single since the book was most likely written by a single person who is close to the age of death, proving that you could be single for about 50 more years.

Also, you will continue to remain single if you spend your time reading books and not talking to people. Boo to literacy.

- Girls, try to avoid putting lyrics or quotes in your IM away messages and profiles that are about your future love. Example: "he's out there!" or "I'm waiting for your love!"

You are right - he is out there. But once he caught a glimpse of that garbage in your profile, he ran to a safer distance further away from your inane romantic thoughts.

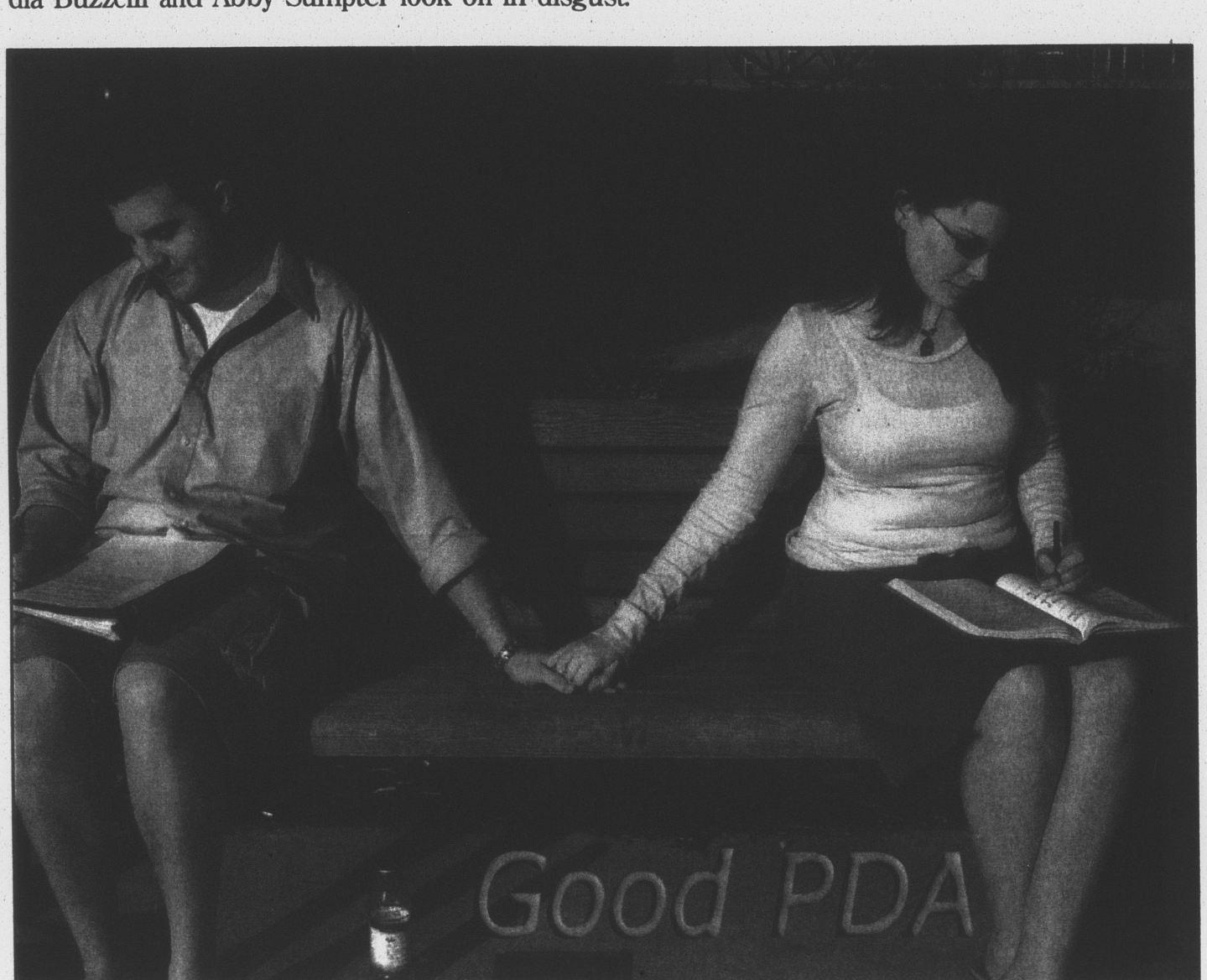
- Have hope. Sure, you are alone now, but somewhere down the line, a new love will find you.

And gosh, think of the people in the relationships that are actually going to last. The exciting part of falling in love is done, now all they have to look forward to is mortgages.

Looks like you, single person, are the winner.

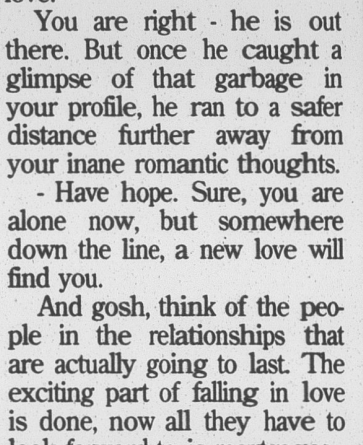
Laura Zorch is a junior public relations and art double major. She is a champion of cookie consuming and donut devouring. Her future aspirations include marrying for money and cat herding.

Juniors Ben Libert and Carrie Fleckinstein participate in a frightful display of PDA, while Nadia Buzzelli and Abby Sumpter look on in disgust.



Junior Jimmy Connell and sophomore Sarah Timm demonstrate to the campus good PDA, keeping their distance and seemingly not paying attention to one another.

Life, death, politics and the Schiavo case: How far is too far?



Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Tragedy struck the world twice this past week: Catholics lost their connection to God, and two parents lost a daughter.

One clearly overrides the other in public interest, which is why you don't see much coverage of Terri Schiavo's death on the news.

The pope's death was clear-cut: a man whose time had come. Terri's demise is not so easily explained. Was she killed? Was it really her wish to be taken off support? Who had the authority to decide?

These questions have dominated the media for the past few months. No one has a definitive answer, but I have my opinion: It's none of our business.

Before I elaborate, allow me to give you some background on the story. Terri Schiavo suffered a heart attack due to a misdiagnosis in 1990. This attack led to severe brain damage, placing her in a dependent state, or needing a feeding tube. She was not on a ventilator and could breathe on her own.

However, she could not swallow. Some doctors (mostly those that represent her husband, Michael Schiavo) determined that Terri was in a persistent vegetative state. Other doctors (mostly those that represent Terri's parents) said that she had limited interactions with her environment and therefore could not be classified as such.

Courts became involved in 2003, which ruled that Michael was in fact the legal guardian and had the right to remove the tube. Florida legislatures and Governor Jeb Bush intervened, passing a law that gave the governor a right to order that the tube be reinstated.

The legitimate question is this: Who is the legal guardian? The husband, as proven many times in precedence, serves as guardian. Therefore, Michael Schiavo is the only person legally entitled to determine the fate of his wife.

This may sound cruel and heartless, but it's not the job of courts and politicians to decide by their feelings. Courts must decide what is legal and what isn't, and politicians must abide by it. Emotions and personal vendettas have no place in government. It was right for the courts to rule in favor of the husband because it has legal justification.

On a personal level, I do feel sorry for the parents of Terri Schiavo. I do believe that Michael Schiavo should have divorced Terri and left her care to the parents.

I question Terri's "persistent vegetative state." And I wonder how humane it is to deprive someone of food and water until they die. But as I said, it's none of my business. Terri's parents used the media to incite rage and pity for their behalf, and they deserve it. But they have no legal standing, and politics do not belong in this situation.

Whether or not Terri is at peace now, no one knows. But the court system can sleep knowing they made the right decision.

Jessica Rummel (aka right-wing nutjob) is a senior political science major. She suffers from senioritis, adores Tucker Carlson, and is probably going straight to hell.

Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

Last week one of the saddest, tragic and prolonged right to die cases came to an end.

Terri Schiavo passed away after having her feeding tube removed 13 days earlier.

While I think the death of Terri Schiavo was tragic, I do not feel this case deserved the media attention it received.

It is a sad day in this country when issues like AIDS, world hunger, global warming, and other issues cannot inspire a nation, but one brain-dead woman in Florida can drive people to get involved, make signs, speak out, and fight for a cause.

I feel that the US Supreme Court used good judgment in not hearing her case because it would have opened an even bigger debate about this case.

I am also happy that Jeb Bush did not overstep his constitutional bounds and interfere in this case.

There are several things about this case that absolutely enraged me.

First and foremost, was the nerve of people like Pennsylvania Senator Rick "I hate gay people" Santorum who said that the death of Terri Schiavo was a failure of the judicial system in America.

Congress had no business asking Terri Schiavo to testify before Congress and delaying the removal of her feeding tube.

It comforts me to know that my elected officials are more worried about steroids in baseball and one brain-dead woman in Florida than fixing Social Security or even maybe winning this little war we started.

Way to go Congress!

The second thing that enraged me about this case was seeing little children trying to run water into the hospice in Florida.

Many people here loath that Islamic societies teach their children at a young age to hate the Western culture.

Boy are we hypocrites. Telling our 4 year olds (who have no clue what euthanasia is) to run water into a hospice and get arrested is downright disgraceful.

The third item is how Terri died. When our dog is going to die, do we let it starve and dehydrate to kill it?

No, we take it to the vet and put it down. This case is a perfect example of why assisted suicide should be legal in all states.

It is so much more humane to kill someone with a lethal injection of a drug than to let then starve and dehydrate. So much for compassionate conservatism.

In the end, there are no winners in this case, only losers.

Michael Schiavo lost his wife whom he did care about, the Schindlers lost their daughters, the US Congress lost credibility, and Terri Schiavo finally lost her life.

Actually there might be one winner to eventually to come out of this case: assisted suicide.

Russ Mills is a senior political science major. He enjoys watching the Woodstock movie, while wearing his Birkenstocks, playing on his Apple computer and drinking Starbucks coffee.

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Walking on sunshine

By Kelly Mayhue
Campus Writer

"Cancer affects everyone. It's a worthy cause to help find a cure." That is what Quay Rosengarth, chair of Relay for Life, said about Alpha Sigma Phi's philanthropy event that is taking place on Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.

The main idea of the Relay for Life is teams of 8-15 people raising money to donate to the American Cancer Society. Teams do this through bake sales, car washes, company sponsorship, or other ways. The team members then show their support for the cause by taking turns walking on the Harold Burry Track for 12 hours.

As always, the fraternity is working hard to promote the cure. This year, the brothers hope to raise $25,000, which $3,000 more than last year's event. So far, they have about 33 teams participating to meet that goal.

One of those teams is the Alpha Gamma Deltas. Team leader Jessica Robinson is excited about the sorority's participation in the event.

"I just can't wait. They always have things going on and so many people out there," she said.

She said that the group just "wants to make a difference." The ambitious Alpha Gams might even form another team at the last minute.

Jennifer Rossey's team of 10 Hillside residents has a very specific purpose for participating in the Relay.

Rossey said that her team is representing the members of Hillside who have either battled cancer themselves or are close to someone who has. She is most excited about seeing the college community unite for what she thinks is a noble cause. In order to show

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Photo by Willis Bretz

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi gear up for Relay for Life this Saturday, April 16 on the track. The event will last all day, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Former professor a 'Scream'

Film director Wes Craven taught at WC in 1964

By Jaycie Galbraith
Campus Writer

One of the college's best-kept secrets has been uncovered; Wesley Craven, American film director most famous for his "A Nightmare on Elm Street" and the "Scream" Trilogy, taught at Westminster in the '60s.

Chip Hothem, sophomore English and history major, and Dwight Copper, head of McGill library's periodicals department, found Craven's picture in the '64 -'65 Argo while doing research in the library.

Craven was a member of the English department and only taught here for one year.

None of the present members of the department were here when Craven was, but Nelson Oestreich, former chair of the art department, lived in the same apartment with Craven. Oestreich still lives in New Wilmington, where he grew up.

"He was pretty far out there," Oestreich said. "I read a few of his essays and they were really wild and bent out of shape . . . but that's what he's done with his career in the past few years."

Oestreich began teaching at the college in '61, and supposes Craven was more than seven years younger. He remembers Craven had a cat, which he took on walks, or "drags," as he preferred to call them.

"When he left, he just left. I never saw him or talked to him again," Oestreich said. "It was one of those things that was off and on for a year. My guess is that the college was a little too uptight for his style."

Craven was born in Cleveland, Ohio on Aug. 2, 1939. He graduated from Wheaton College and earned his master's degree from Johns Hopkins University.

Craven began teaching at Westminster after graduate school. After spending a year here, he taught at Clarkson College in New York. While in New York, he purchased a camera, began making short films and quit his teaching job.

Craven began co-directing low budget films until he had his first big break when he wrote and directed "The Last House on the Left," a horror film released in 1972. In the '80s, Craven created the unforgettable character, Freddy Krueger, for his film "A Nightmare on Elm Street."

Then in the '90s, Craven was successful with his highly popular "Scream" Trilogy. Craven's current project is the recently released film, "Cursed." Dr. Jeff Bersett, an assistant professor of Spanish, speaks highly of Craven's work.

"I think that Wes Craven has made some very interest-

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Vietnam vet shares message with campus

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer

More than 20 people began last Sunday afternoon outside the sunny steps of Patterson Hall. Curling their toes in the tufts of grass, they kept their ears open listening to the buzz swarming the first hot topic: Iraq.

The speaker, Sanford Kelson, a well-known Pittsburgh lawyer and Vietnam Veteran, vetted his frustrations on our current status in Middle Eastern affairs. Pacing back and forth, Kelson drew thick parallels oozing out from his Vietnam years onto what he calls a similar script in Iraq.

"I think we were lied to," he said while the sun beat down on the crowd. Kelson squinted and then narrowed his speech in on the betrayal of our American media.

"The mass media in America makes weapons-spitting or rather blasting out pure government line." He explained the need for us to look at international news venues because American journalism fails. He reminisced about how the media depicted Vietnam in false light, whereas, most radical and foreign papers actually inked the truth.

From his speech, the Progressive Conference recessed and the small band of interested parties flowered from 20 to more than 50 guests.

"You've really got to hunt down days like this. I'm a Republican, but we live in a fog of censorship and I don't want to live in gross idolatry," said Lew Allen, a vegan, from Beaver County. "It's a thirty minute drive, but I'm really happy I made it. I'm enjoying the discussions. It's hard to speak out on politics but the college has presented a nice

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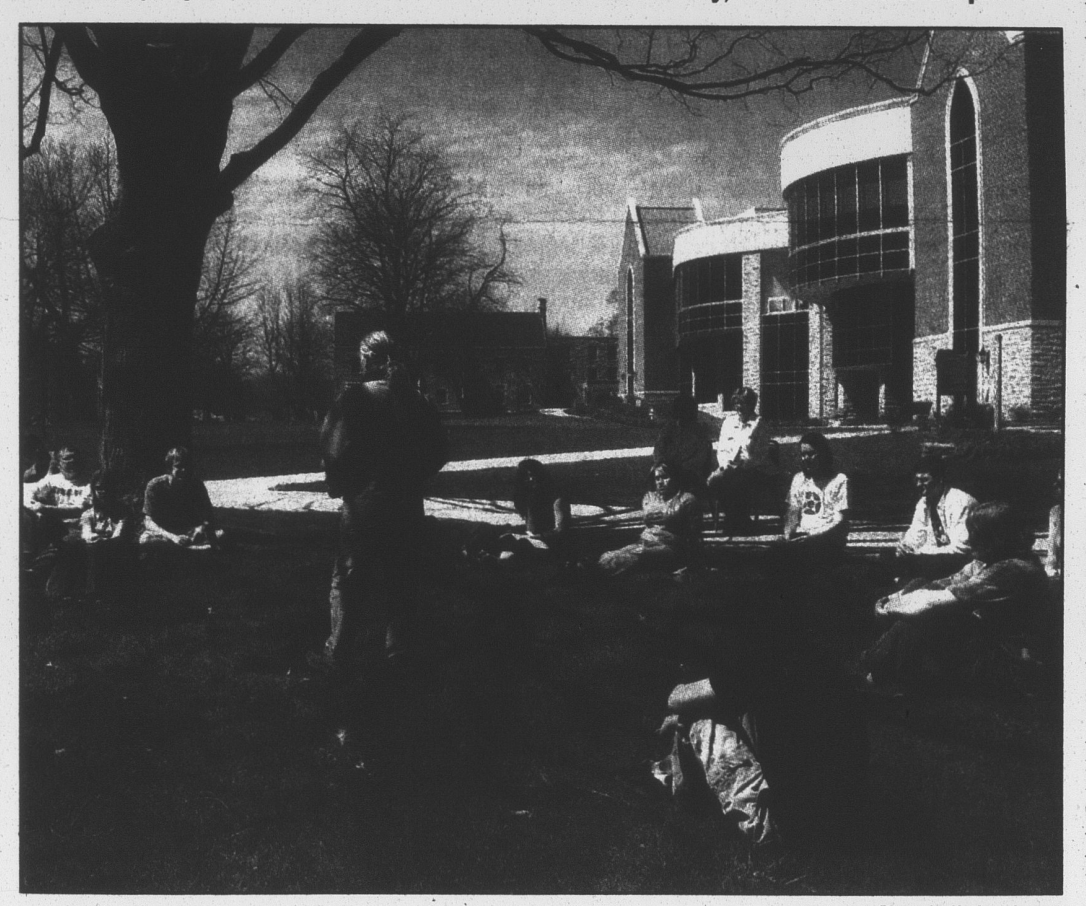

Photo by Kathryn Larson

Stanford Kelson, a well-known Pittsburgh lawyer and Vietnam veteran, speaks out on our current status in Middle Eastern affairs on Sunday, April 10. The members of the campus Green Party hosted the event.

Future politicians travel to our nation's capital

By Joshua Perry
Campus Writer

Something more thrilling than flipping on the C-Span is actually walking through the heart of politics. Earlier this month, the Pre-Law Association sponsored a trip to Washington DC for students interested in politics and law of the United States. The trip was April 2-4.

Dr. Ed Cohen organized this trip along with senior political science major Russ Mills. The students broke up into their own groups and explored the DC area. Some places that the students visited were the US State Department building, Georgetown Law School, and George Washington University.

The students also got an opportunity to sit in on the Supreme Court for a case announcing, which is the announcement of a verdict.

"I organized the trip again this year; it was the third one we have gone on. I felt that this year's trip was a success. We took a lot of people who had not been to Washington there for the first time. People also got to experience the Supreme Court and see the pageantry that goes along with it," Mills said.

According to Cohen, the trip was open to all students but pre-law and political science students had first bid on the trip.

"I learned a lot from the trip, it was a different experience visiting Washington with a bunch of people who had never visited there before," freshman Carsen Nesbitt said. "We were able to visit the Smithsonian, the Holocaust Museum, and see the hustle and bustle of the political scene.

For some, the trip also allows for business.

"The trip is also used for students to scout out internships, opportunities for internships, and see the different functions of the Washington," said Cohen.

According to Cohen, the Pre-Law Association plans to do this trip every year. They also want to vary the content of the trip to include a tour of a law school.

"The best part of the trip for me was just seeing our nation's heritage, seeing the monuments and memorials of those that helped build our country," said junior April Sobieralski.

"It was also interesting seeing how different life is in D.C., especially on George Washington University's campus compared to the life in New Wilmington. Everyone there is hustling and bustling, rushing around with Ipods in their ears, and they don't seem to take time to say hi to each other on the sidewalks like we do here at Westminster."

Contributed Photo

The future politicians of Westminster stand before the Supreme Court building on a trip to Washington D.C. The trip was sponsored by the Pre-Law Association.

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Opinion

Rant & Rave

If I hear anyone complain about being Greek this week, I'm going to kick them in the shins.

Nothing like a little tar to ruin a kiss.

I saw the sign. Did YOU see the sign?

I hit that option and suddenly I had a computer.

Logo spoof t-shirts rock.

Chipotle, I said chipotle!

He lays out well.

Be impressed. Be very impressed.

I am perfectly happy with doing nothing all day!

Does anyone actually go into the gift shop? ...I think it's a front for drugs.

What is in Johnstown?

If the monster that lives in Loch Ness is called "Nessy," would something living in Lake Brittan be named "Brittany?"

Winners train. Losers complain.

Red Bull is heaven.

Aren't we supposed to chose our own majors and minors?

I need Hooked on Fonics.

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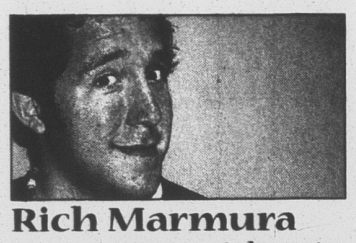
Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

The evolution of Westminster: Mugsies and Inquiry



Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

Well yes, the year is winding down and it seems that this old columnist is getting just a tad nostalgic about the last four years at this little college.

Last week, I indulged you with my look into the future of Westminster, and this week I am looking back at some of the moments that changed life at Westminster.

The biggest change to the campus since I first arrived at the 'Minster is, without a doubt, the addition of the campus center.

I was too late to experience the pure-delight that was the old Walton Mayne Union, but I did get to spend two long years waiting behind fences for the new building to be completed. The construction was like a huge cankersore in the middle of campus. But thankfully, just as chankersores heal, so did the campus, and by junior year we had the McKelvey in all of its Easter egg-colored glory.

The next major change for Westminster technically wasn't of the college's doing. Rather, people in New Wilmington just started to think a little more.

The spring of 2004 unveiled that little coffee oasis in the middle of Market Street known as Mugsies. Now don't get me wrong, Pizza Joe's is awesome and the Short Stop has great food (along with some of the nicest employees I have ever met), but Mugsies is just a work of brilliance, and at the same time, very simple.

From its classy décor to the great food to the friendly staff to the free WiFi Internet; while in Mugsies, you almost forget you are in the middle of Amish country.

It just seems kind of ridiculous that it took 150 years for New Wilmington to realize that it could make money from college students.

Doesn't it seem weird that it took this long for a college town to have a café? Doesn't it seem odd that I cannot buy a single magazine in this town that anyone my age would be remotely interested in?

It just seems that this community has a huge untapped potential in college students; and Mugsies and Pizza Joe's seem to be the only two establishments that really care.

I wonder what will come about in another 150 years? Maybe a store that sells things college students would actually want to buy.

Taking a look at the Westminster curriculum, it is also interesting to see how Inquiry has changed.

For those of you who are too young to remember the old system, or for those who have simply blocked it out because of traumatic experiences, students at Westminster used to be exposed to two semesters of Inquiry.

Two semesters that were jam packed full of talking/telepathic monkeys, mysterious caves and discussions about "why?" and "why not?" and occasionally "how?" And though I haven't taken the new Inquiry, it seems to be streamlined to be much more effective than its lengthy, over-bearing, irritating predecessor.

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And though the next item has not happened yet, its planning alone has caused quite a groundswell of excitement.

In this case, I am referring to the proposed town-house initiative; which will be a huge step for Westminster.

Can you imagine? Men and women living next door to each other? Students cooking for themselves? Sharing personal space with other people? It's insane! It's like we're trying to prepare students for the real world or something!

So, now I have covered the past and the future. We've seen the Westminster of yesterday and the Westminster of tomorrow.

Thus next week I will take you into the world of "Bizarro Westminster."

Rich is a senior with majors in political science and theater. He is president of the Mugsie's fan club and does not, in any way, miss Ishmael.

Seniors: enjoy what little time remains before graduation

By Jarrod Takah
Opinionated Sports Writer

For the first time in my three and a half years with the Holcad, I have no idea what to write about. I have no idea what corner of the sports world to peek into for a few trivial words that may or may not mean something to a few people.

I have too many things on my mind. Or maybe, it's because my time as a half-wit sports journalist is coming to an end.

That's why, this week, instead of theorizing on who the Steelers or Browns will draft later this month or whether the Pirates or Indians will be .500 in June, I seek to offer some advice for the outgoing members of the Westminster community.

First of all, forget class. Find some sunshine, have a cookout, have a few drinks, kick it with some old friends and make some new ones.

Essentially, your graduation status has probably long been decided. If you're leaving, this is your last chance to unwind and act without responsibility (to some degree).

Don't take yourself too seriously. In life, it's easier to adapt to new situations if you have an open mind.

Get involved with something you feel passionate about. Okay, there's one month left for us seniors here at Westminster, so don't go running for an SGA senate seat. But seriously, take time to find something worth working toward.

What I mean here is basically what I meant when I said to forget class.

If you care about beer then for the next three and a half months, drink a lot of it. If you care about golf, get out there and shank some balls into the woods. If you care about Eastern religion, find a book and find some sunshine.

In sports, because this is typically, after all, a sports column, the North Carolina Tar Heels and Tiger Woods returned to glory, claiming the NCAA basketball championship and the Masters Tournament, respectively.

For a month, we seniors have a chance to return to our freshman year selves: to be worry-free and wild, to eat too much and sleep too much and care very little.

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May 14 means we enter the real world, as if the one we've been living in for twenty-odd years has been imaginary.

I feel like I've just written a monologue for Van Wilder 2: Back on Campus. The truth is, however, unlike Van Wilder, we don't have seven years at Westminster. We have a little less than a month.

I always say, "We're here for a good time, not a long time."

For the next month, I hope everyone, not only seniors, but underclassmen too, realizes that college is to be the time of our lives and spends time making friends and remembering old ones.

After all, that's what college is all about.

Jarrod is a senior English major whose philosophy would be a lot more insightful if he didn't rip his sayings off of Dave Matthews and Jack Johnson.

Letter to the Editor

Cheers to never failing to question authority

My congratulations to Megan Sigler for continuing to place pressure on those in positions of authority at Westminster College - I had hoped that whoever inherited my column would have continued my tradition, but unfortunately other priorities were displayed.

Megan, however, has consistently impressed me with her honest, blunt observations and witticisms, particularly in last week's column regarding rules that are, shall we say, antiquated.

I, too, called to question certain policies that Westminster has (for example visitation hours, a lack of co-ed housing, etc.) that don't make much sense as far as 'preparing students for the real world' is concerned.

Academically, I'm proud to report that a Westminster education prepared me extremely well for graduate study.

Socially, however, I find that not a lot of respect was given me at Westminster - I was treated more like a child who needed whelping rather than the adult I was. Admittedly, there are indeed children at Westminster who will possibly never be whelped (the mass destruction in dorm halls following pick up day on an almost annual basis proves that), but that doesn't mean that all the students are like that.

While ridiculously strict fines for having candles in one's room prosper, more serious crimes such as date rape, which, even if a culprit is found, only warrant a slap on the wrist.

I think that Megan, throughout this year, was exactly right in calling attention to something of a discrepancy in how the College enforces its policies, and for that I say a heartfelt thank you.

And congratulations to my former committee members in the CDC for taking the brave step to eliminate the community service requirement - I believe that your actions will further augment the already excellent standards Westminster has for both promoting cross-curriculum education and passion for academic inquiry.

Drew Huston
2004 Alumnus

Notices

Pre-Dental Society

The Pre-Dental Society is seeking to be recognized on the college campus.

Their purpose is to provide support to current students interested in the field of dentistry by encouraging academic achievement through peer interaction; participating in activities both on and off campus pertaining to different areas of dental medicine; and providing a better understanding of the opportunities possible through a career in dentistry.

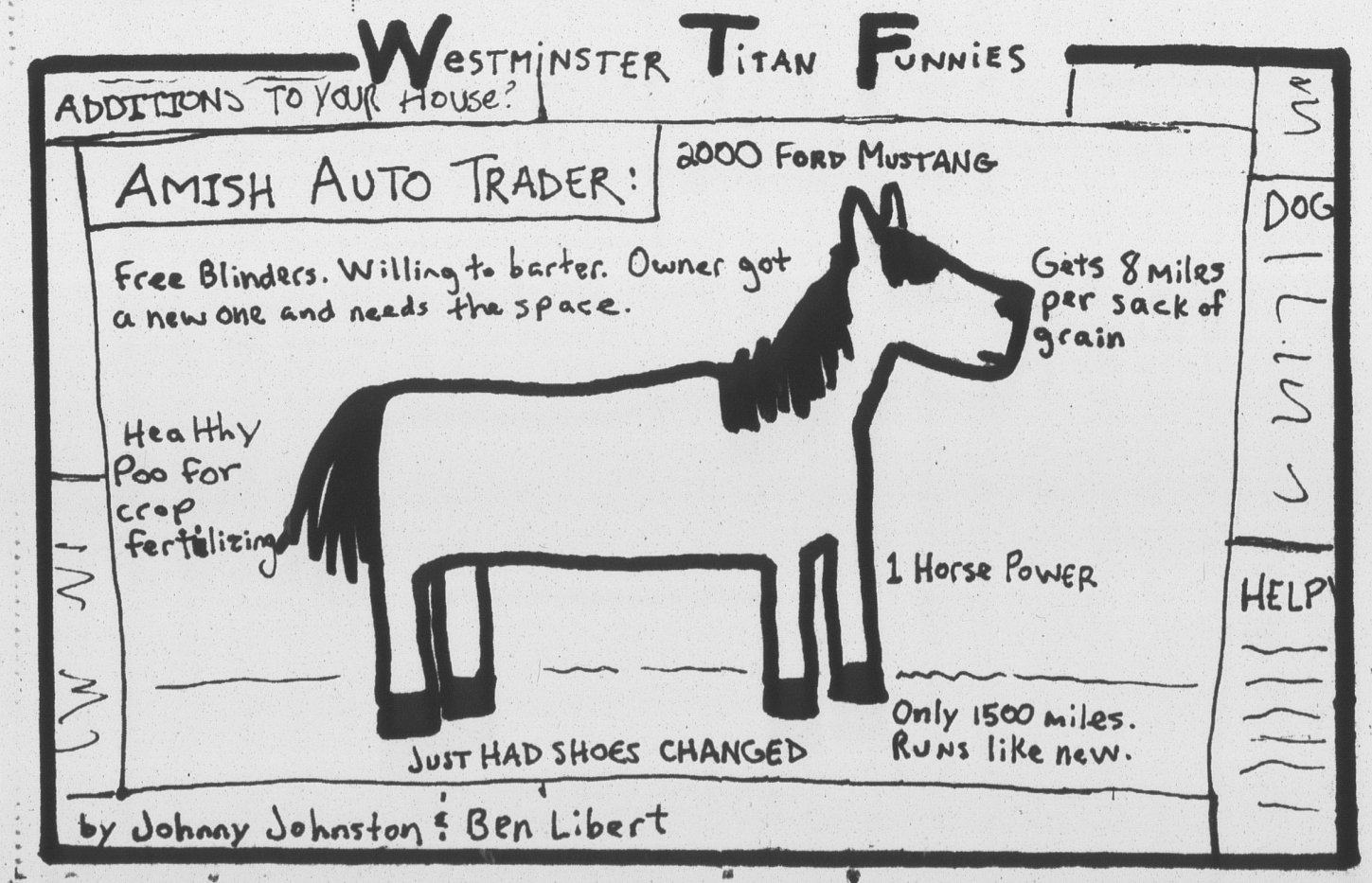
Any objections should be sent to Camille Hawthorne, Associate Dean of Student Affairs by April 25, 2005

International Cultures Club

The International Cultures Club is seeking to be recognized again on the college campus (they disbanded in 1997).

Their purpose is to promote an awareness of foreign languages and cultures; including everything that encompasses the culture of a foreign state and shapes its policies and decision making towards other nations.

Any objections should be sent to Camille Hawthorne, Associate Dean of Student Affairs by April 18, 2005.



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Outside the Bubble

Off Campus

Comments on race upset students at sea

By Andy Medici
Pitt News

An open lecture on Semester at Sea made some students uncomfortable when a non-Pitt professor, discussing racial genetics, allegedly said black people are inherently inferior in the areas of math and science.

The comments made during the lecture last month appeared again in one of the professor's classes, confirmed Pitt Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Robert Hill.

A group of concerned black students met with Susan Hansen, academic dean of Semester at Sea, to express their concerns about the professor's lecture and what they described as an uncomfortable atmosphere aboard the ship.

An e-mail from some of the students aboard the ship to members of the Semester at Sea and Pitt communities also mentioned what the students described as a tense environment.

Hill said the University is in contact with professors who visited the class.

"In fact, matters have calmed down and the situation as described has improved," he said.

Paul Watson, director of enrollment management for the Institute for Shipboard Education, said the atmosphere on board was tense for a while and that it is ISE's job "to make sure that the learning environment is not hostile."

Watson noted the quick response of Hansen and the faculty on board, explaining that as soon as they learned about what had happened, faculty members began to sit in on the professor's class.

"The very next day the class met, Dean Hansen attended the class," Watson said.

"It was dealt with right away."

Pitt, Semester At Sea's academic sponsor, is in charge of appointing a dean through an advisory committee made up of Pitt faculty members.

Though the dean always comes from Pitt, the University relies on ISE to make final decisions about the ship's faculty and does not hire professors directly.

Pitt also decides which courses will be taught on each voyage.

Daron J. Christopher, a Pitt student on Semester at Sea, is in two of the professor's three classes.

Christopher said in an e-mail that he finds the professor to be "challenging and frustrating, but engaging, and certainly a fair educator."

Christopher said the professor "eternally plays devil's advocate" and always takes the opposing view in discussions with students.

He said ISE and Pitt responded to a few students who complained "incessantly to the dean."

Jennifer Anukem, an SGB member, agreed with Hill and Watson that the situation on board has improved.

She said she has received e-mails in recent weeks from students on the ship who also agree.

Anukem defended the students' actions and said she believed that they did the right thing in bringing their complaints about the professor to the faculty.

"This is not something that should be taken as a joke," Anukem said.

"I can't believe I could be sitting in a classroom, being told I was genetically inferior."

Hill said Pitt does not hire the professors on Semester at Sea, but that all professors on board follow Pitt's Academic Integrity Code.

Hill said professors have to follow certain guidelines when teaching, but that "we do value the academic freedom of professors to deem what is appropriate for their class."

Pitt's Academic Integrity Code exists in part to guide "student-faculty interactions in the classroom and other academic contexts," according to Pitt's Web site.

"I'd like them to be held accountable based on the guidelines of the Academic Integrity Code," Anukem said of non-Pitt professors on the ship.

Watson stressed the difficulties of anticipating and stopping situations in which a professor's teaching style or viewpoints could be offensive to students.

"Do I think we can prevent this from happening?" Watson asked.

"That's something that will continue to be examined."

National

Israeli prime minister presses U.S. to act against Iran's nuclear program

By Gavin Rabinowitz
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon pressed the U.S. to threaten Iran with international sanctions, warning Iran was quickly approaching a point of no-return in its nuclear program. The White House said it agreed that Iran is pursuing nuclear weapons "under the guise of a civilian program" but wants to continue the current diplomatic strategy to solve the problem.

Sharon, who leaves for home Wednesday after a visit to the United States, repeatedly brought up the Iranian threat in talks with President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney.

At a lunch meeting Monday with the president at his Texas ranch, Sharon's senior military adviser Brig. Gen. Yoav Galant gave Bush Israeli intelligence documents on Iran's nuclear reactor.

Bush was also given satellite photos of the plant, an Israeli official at the meeting said on condition of anonymity, but declined to give exact details on the information.

Israel is concerned about the Iranian nuclear program, warning that Tehran is pursuing nuclear weapons to go along with its missiles, which have the range to hit Israel and U.S. military bases in the Middle East.

Iran insists its nuclear program is strictly designed to produce electrical power.

The purported Iranian threat was the central focus of a meeting Tuesday between Sharon and Cheney.

"Iran is very close to the point of no return," The Israeli Yediot Ahronot on Wednesday quoted Sharon as telling Cheney. "Threats of international sanctions must be issued."

Sharon believes the European effort to curb the Iran's nuclear ambitions has been ineffective. Israeli intelligence officials, however, do not believe the Iranians have yet produced a nuclear weapon.

Washington has toned down its rhetoric against Iran in recent months. Washington is awaiting the results of European negotiations aimed at getting Tehran to renounce all plans to enrich uranium in exchange for economic concessions and other forms of support.

Uranium enrichment is "dual use."

Israel is not happy with this approach.

"There has to be immediate action taken against Iran," a senior Israeli official traveling with Sharon said Wednesday.

"There is a time limit because Iran will soon reach a technological point of no return," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "We are not talking about when Iran actually produces nuclear weapons but when it has the technological ability to do so," he said.

The official said the Iranian issue had to be brought before the United Nations Security Council quickly and international sanctions applied. "Beyond this point of technological no-return it will be too late."

Bush told Sharon that the United States would continue to support the European-led talks as the best strategy for now, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Wednesday. McClellan would not comment on whether the Israeli presentation created any greater sense of urgency among American officials about the Iranians' activities.

"We continue to support those diplomatic efforts to resolve this in a peaceful manner," McClellan said.

The Israeli official made no mention of any Israeli plans to attack the Iranian reactors if negotiations failed, similar to the 1981 bombing of the unfinished Iraqi nuclear reactor near Baghdad. McClellan said there was no discussion between Sharon and Bush of Israelis potentially taking the matter into their own hands.

Israel says that for now it would prefer that the issue be resolved through peaceful means.

Graffiti incident possibly a copycat

By Josh Kowalkowski
Penn State Collegian

Penn State University Police said they now think that "TANG," the word spray painted onto several buildings on campus in the last month, means "Terrorist Anarchist Ninja Guys."

Because of this, the FBI is now investigating the March 27 arson at the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (SALA) Building and graffiti on and off campus as possible homeland security issues, University Police Supervisor Dwight Smith said.

"The FBI is investigating to determine if any federal statutes were violated, particularly those statutes relating to domestic terrorism," University Police Director Tom Harmon said. Harmon said he couldn't specify why the FBI is investigating the incidents as domestic terrorism.

Police are also still investigating the State College man arrested Saturday in connection with an arson in the SALA Building and the on-campus spray painting.

Craig Tonik, 19, of 131 N. Sparks St., has been at the Centre County Prison since Saturday on $870,000 bail.

Yesterday, university police received another report of "TANG" being found scratched onto the surface of a Penn State student's car.

The word was scrawled onto the hood of a 1989 blue Mustang while it was parked in Lot 22 of Eastview Terrace.

University Police Supervisor Tyrone Parham said the incident, which occurred sometime between Sunday and Monday, appeared to be random in nature since no other cars in the vicinity were affected.

Parham said there are no leads or suspects on this particular case yet.

"There were scratches on the hood, trunk lid, doors and roof and back window," he said. "Some of the scratches went all the way down to the metal of the car."

Harmon said the possibility of Monday's incident being a copycat crime is still under investigation.

"I think it's a possibility, given the publicity this case has had," he said.

Harmon said university police are working with the State College Police Department. "We're still interviewing witnesses that we believe have information of value," he said.

Anyone with any information on these cases is encouraged to call university police at 863-1111 or State College police at 234-7150.

The FBI was unavailable for comment yesterday afternoon.

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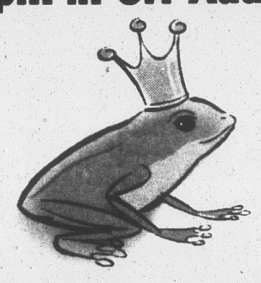
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Campus News

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Westminster knows "Who's Who"

The college's newest inductees into the renowned national program, "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities," were recognized at a reception in the Witherspoon room on Wednesday, April 6. The students demonstrated outstanding leadership and academics in an application and essay.

Arts majors attend Career Day

Event helps students meet professionals in their field

By Sherri Slafka
Campus Writer

Students attended the WestPACs Arts Career Day on April 6 at the Regional Learning Alliance in Cranberry Township, PA. Twenty-nine students from our school went to the event, which was coordinated through the Career Center.

Advertising, public relations, applied arts, design, broadcast, film, television, fine arts, arts management, performing arts, writing and publishing were all majors this conference touched on.

Speakers from each area of study spoke at the panel sessions and feature keynote speaker, Rick Sebak, who is a writer and producer of television programming for PBS.

For a $5 registration fee, students got a career resource guide and got to participate in two out of six panel sessions and a networking reception.

"I got to network and meet people, and that was great," Tandi Lane, a senior broadcast communications major, said. "They told us about what led to their success and they gave advice about what we should do and what we should not do in the application process."

Some of the professionals who spoke in the panels included, Heather Toy, an exhibit developer at The Children's Museum of Pittsburgh; Joe Sullivan, a professional clown; Daniel Lipcan, a librarian at Watson Library, Metropolitan Museum of Art; and Mike Prisuta, a columnist at the Pittsburgh Tribune Review and sports director at WDVE.

While many other students spoke of the success of the job fair, senior Laura Krutschnitt, a broadcast communications major, felt differently.

"I wish that some of the panelists were from places that were actually hiring," said Krutschnitt. "Other majors attend job fairs where it is all employers looking for people to work for them, but we don't really get many chances like that as broadcast majors."

"I thought it was a real helpful event because the people in your interested profession were there for you," said Melissa DePaul, a broadcast communications and business administration major. "They were there for answer questions you might have about the industry and give you pointers on interviewing and resumes. If you are into Broadcast/Advertising/Art I would recommend this event. It is a great way to make contacts with people in your profession and to network."

Dates for future WestPACs events have already been set. Students who would like to attend an upcoming WestPACs fair should sign up through the Career Center.

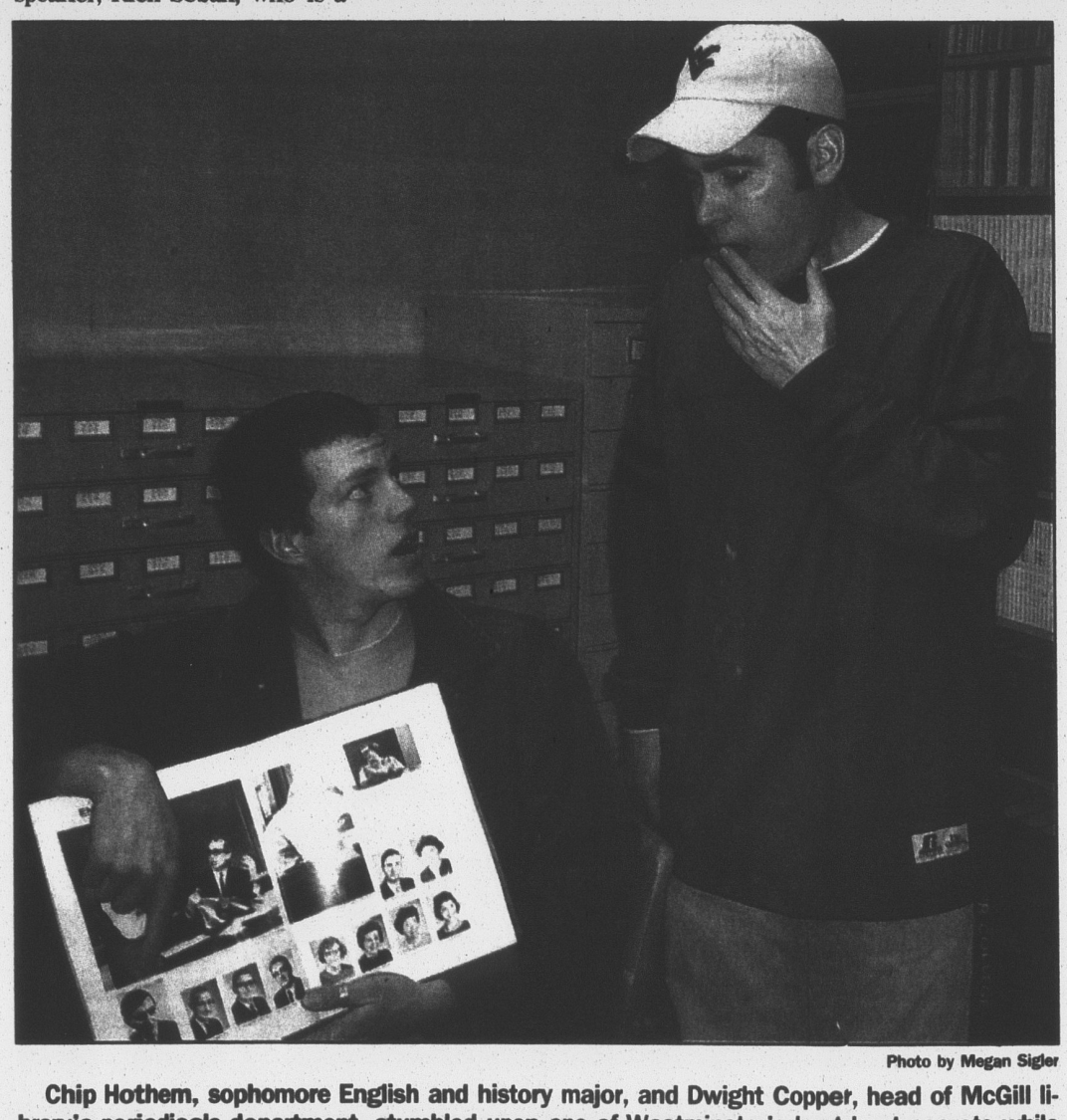

Photo by Megan Sigler

Chip Hothem, sophomore English and history major, and Dwight Copper, head of McGill library's periodicals department, stumbled upon one of Westminster's best-kept secrets while flipping through a 1965 Argo.

Craven

Famous film director taught at Westminster

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ing movies, particularly the first 'Nightmare on Elm Street' and 'Scream' films," Bersett said.

"He understands the horror genre well enough to do some original things with it that are genuinely scary, and at other times to poke fun at it in a way that is as funny as his other movies are frightening."

Since Bersett is affiliated with the new film studies minor, he hopes Craven may return one day.

"Since he (Craven) did, in fact, teach at Westminster, it might not be a bad idea to invite him back as a guest speaker or something," Bersett said.

"When he left, he just left. I never saw him or talked to him again. My guess is that the college was a little too uptight for his style."

-Nelson Oestreich, former WC art professor on Craven

Relay

Alpha Sigs prepare for one of the year's biggest campus events

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its own united support, Rossey's team is considering wearing matching pink breast cancer awareness bracelets.

The teams have reason to be excited about this year's event.

Rosengarth said that a lot of things are going on. The fraternity will host a dunk booth, Kelly from HOT101, and a lot of food. The equestrian team will be giving horse rides and other fund-raiser teams will have booths.

The opening ceremony will feature President Williamson making a speech and first-year Kristin Allen singing the national anthem. Some other annual events to anticipate include the survivor's walk at noon, the luminary ceremony at 9 p.m., and fireworks at 10 p.m.

In the midst of all the festivities, Rosengarth said that he is most looking forward to the satisfaction of a good day and a good deed.

He wants to see "everyone being there, walking the track, and having a good time." He's also excited about meeting the fraternity's fund-raising goal.

This is the 8th year that the Alpha Sigs are hosting the Relay at the college. They began the tradition in honor of Dr. Peter Macky, a former Westminster history professor and soccer coach who died of cancer 8 years ago.

Besides being a part of a team, people can participate through sponsorship or donation. Current sponsors include Subway, Giant Eagle, Pizza Joe's, and the Wright Place Salon.

For more information on how you can help, contact Rosengarth at (724) 946-7991.

Iggle Video closes doors

By Sarah Ubry
Campus Writer

Students who formerly enjoyed making the quick trip to the Iggle Video at Giant Eagle on Wilmington road in Neshannock Township will now have to find a new place to rent them.

The local Giant Eagle refused to comment, but directed inquiries to the Pittsburgh headquarters. Chuck Porter, the assistant director of entertainment, stated that the video store simply was not doing enough business needed to keep it open.

Many students agree that it is sad to be losing the video store.

"I always thought it was nice to have that option, especially away from home when I know I can find an Iggle Video, if nothing else," said senior Laura Krutschnitt.

Junior Ben Mentzer found out when he visited there last week, without knowing about the change. "I stopped at Giant Eagle the other day, and the Iggle Video wasn't there anymore! The only movies they had left were on clearance; all the crummy movies."

Iggle Video is by no means your last option. Students looking to rent movies now, will have to travel farther down Wilmington Road.

To get movies now, students can check out Family Video, Hollywood Video or Video World.

Green Party

Political group brings Vietnam vet to speak out to students

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place for it," he added.

Students from other local colleges also made the trek for the day.

"When a community conference like this happens it's through the planning that it's like the zygote. This is where the future, I hope, is coming from," said Shane Killian, a sophomore political science major at Allegheny College.

The day held a barrage of other speakers. Ghassah Rajeh, father of sophomore political science major Nawel Rajah, offered up his personal history recounting when he was a Lebanese FBI agent. He also emphasized his country's need to curb nepotism while also expressing his hope for a Lebanon emancipated from Syrian control as soon as the upcoming May election.

Next heard was Dr. Steve Porter, last fall's Democratic candidate against Phil English for PA's 3rd District US Congress seat. Incensed, he spoke out about the unsteady ditch America was easing itself into by not providing the proper healthcare or an amenable educational system.

"They are the only organized campus Green in the state. The most active one we have."

-Thom Marti, secretary of the Pennsylvania Green Party on the Westminster Green Party chapter

"My view is definitely not sanguine," said Porter. "It's [The U.S.] a similar situation to Galveston, Texas and it's going to break perceptibly."

Later in the eve, a Vegan discussion was held following a speech from Joe Jenkins, an environmental issues innovator and entrepreneur.

The Green Party hosting the event seemed pleased with their second annual conference turnout. In fact, due to their ongoing efforts, Thom Marti, secretary of the Pennsylvania Green Party, eloquently stated a few weeks prior that this campus group was something more than memorable.

"They are the only organized campus Green in the state. The most active one we have," he said.

When asked about the Progressive Conference, senior Jeremy Baker, a Green Party member, echoed those chiming words.

"I think the day so far has been a really big, a really great success story," he said.

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A severe squall line moved through Indiana on April 17, 1963. Hail reached 1.75 inches in diameter, and two tornadoes destroyed 21 buildings, causing $650,000 damage in Fort Wayne.

Regional Cities

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Butler, PA	67	36	s	67	44	pc	72	48	pc	69	46	sh	65	39	c
Cambridge, OH	69	37	s	73	47	pc	74	48	pc	73	46	pc	67	39	c
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Cincinnati, OH	68	46	s	72	48	s	72	48	pc	70	51	c	65	40	r
Clarion, PA	68	37	s	70	44	pc	72	47	pc	66	44	sh	65	38	c
Clarksburg, WV	67	35	s	70	46	s	72	48	pc	71	47	pc	69	38	c
Cleveland, OH	66	44	s	68	50	pc	72	54	pc	66	47	sh	63	38	sh
Columbus, OH	68	44	s	70	50	s	76	52	pc	71	49	pc	66	41	c
Cumberland, MD	63	37	s	69	45	s	69	50	pc	70	48	sh	66	43	pc
Erie, PA	59	40	s	58	44	pc	67	46	pc	62	44	pc	60	40	c
Franklin, PA	66	38	s	68	45	pc	71	47	pc	66	44	sh	64	37	c
Greensburg, PA	69	42	s	68	48	s	73	51	pc	70	49	sh	67	43	c

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Grove City, PA	66	36	s	67	44	pc	72	47	pc	69	46	sh	65	37	c
Hagerstown, MD	62	40	s	73	44	s	74	48	pc	70	48	s	68	45	pc
Indiana, PA	66	42	s	67	46	s	72	50	pc	71	49	sh	69	42	c
Jamestown, NY	64	40	s	62	44	pc	62	46	pc	64	45	pc	62	36	c
Kittanning, PA	69	40	s	70	46	s	72	51	pc	69	47	sh	68	41	c
Lisbon, OH	69	41	s	69	48	pc	72	51	pc	72	47	sh	65	39	c
Mansfield, OH	66	42	s	66	48	pc	74	51	pc	72	46	pc	63	36	r
Marietta, OH	67	38	s	70	48	s	74	48	pc	71	48	pc	69	40	sh
McKeesport, PA	68	40	s	70	48	s	73	48	pc	74	50	sh	65	42	c
Meadville, PA	67	42	s	69	47	pc	70	47	pc	65	47	sh	62	38	c
Morgantown, WV	68	38	s	72	48	s	76	50	pc	70	47	pc	68	41	c
New Castle, PA	68	39	s	68	46	pc	73	49	pc	70	46	sh	65	39	c

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Pittsburgh, PA	68	40	s	72	49	s	72	51	pc	76	52	sh	67	40	c
Sharon, PA	68	39	s	68	46	pc	73	49	pc	69	45	sh	64	37	c
Somerset, PA	59	39	s	63	45	s	66	50	pc	66	47	sh	61	40	pc
Steubenville, OH	68	41	s	71	48	pc	74	51	pc	71	48	sh	68	40	c
Uniontown, PA	68	35	s	70	43	s	72	48	pc	70	45	sh	68	39	c
Warren, OH	68	40	s	69	46	pc	74	49	pc	72	45	sh	64	37	c
Washington, PA	67	31	s	71	40	s	72	46	pc	72	42	sh	67	37	c
Waynesburg, PA	67	35	s	70	42	s	73	49	pc	72	44	sh	67	39	c
Wheeling, WV	67	42	s	70	48	s	74	50	pc	71	48	sh	69	40	c
Youngstown, OH	68	39	s	68	46	pc	72	49	pc	69	45	sh	64	38	c
Wooster, OH	66	38	s	66	45	pc	73	46	pc	70	45	sh	65	36	c
Zanesville, OH	69	38	s	72	48	pc	75	49	pc	71	47	pc	68	39	c

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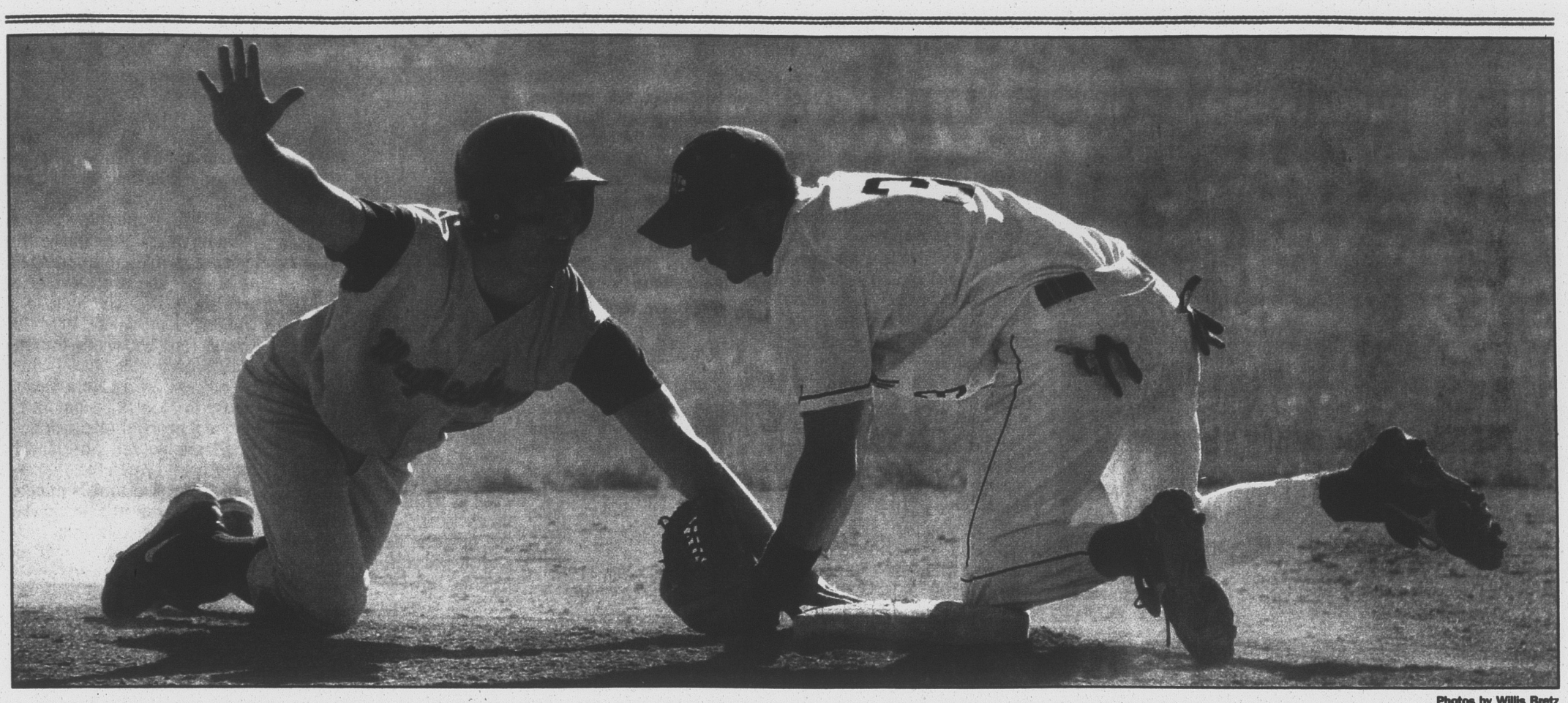
Sports



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Second basemen Kevin Gesacion makes a close tag on a Waynesburg player during the match-up on Friday, April 8. The Titans defeated the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets 10-7.

Photo by Willis Bretz

Senior short stop Ron Florian rounds the bases.

Batter up, Titans

Titans make major play against Waynesburg with one win and two losses

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The men's baseball team was back in action this past week as they had a three game set against Waynesburg College.

The Titans were able to defeat the Yellow Jackets at home 10-7 to extend their win streak to six, but fell to them the next day in a double header at Waynesburg 6-5 and 15-5. The Titans overall are now 11-4 and 4-2 in PAC.

The Titans found themselves trailing 2-0 in the early innings of the first game, but were able to regain the lead and rattle off five runs in bottom of the second, but this lead wasn't enough for the boys, as they gained runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to take a commanding lead of 10-3.

Waynesburg was able to get a few late runs to cut the lead down, but the Titan pitching was able to prevail and seal away the victory.

Earning his fourth win in as many starts was junior Brenton "Happy" Gilmore, as he improves his record to a perfect 4-0. Gilmore allowed only four runs on six hits and added six punch-outs in eight innings of work.

Coming in to close the game was junior Jason Mackey, who was able to garb the last out for the Titans. When it came to offense, many of the Titans stepped up.

However, none bigger then freshman Brian Chrobak, who crushed a grand slam onto the hill in right field in the bottom of the second.

Seniors Ricky Straw, Brian Andrews and Ron Florian had great days at the plate as Straw and Andrews went 2-3 as Florian went 2-4 with two RBI's.

Junior third baseman Mark Francazio also had a strong day at the plate as he to added a 2-3 performance in the win. The tandem of Andrews and Francazio were able to combine for four runs in the victory.

Unfortunately, all good things have to come to an end and this was true for the Titan win streak in the losses to Waynesburg.

The Titans found themselves in the normal winning position at the top of the sixth inning, but weren't able to hold off the Yellow Jackets as they scored the game winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Freshman Craig Hannon was the starter for the Titans, as he allowed five runs on as many hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Mackey once again came in to stop the bleeding but was unable to push the game to extras as he let up the game winning run.

A few bright spots for the Titans came from their seniors as Brian Andrews once again had a great day at the plate, as he was a perfect 4-4 with a double and two RBI's.

Kevin Gesacion went 2-4 with a lead off homerun; he also scored twice and knocked in three.

Florian was also having his usual day with the bat, as he was 3-4 with one run scored.

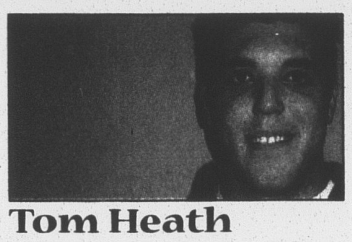
For game two, the Yellow Jackets jumped all over the Titans and added seven runs in the fourth and either more in the fifth.

Freshman Scott Carney suffered the brutal loss and his record fell to 1-1 on the season.

Seniors Gesacion and Florian each had a double, while Florian added two stolen bases.

Sophomore T. J. Renninger, also added a double in the losing effort for the Titans.

Striking out: the Pirates' streak of bad luck continues



Tom Heath
Sports Editor

The excitement is over for some, but for others, it is just beginning. The excitement at the start of the baseball season is overwhelming.

I know in Cleveland, many Browns fans were very upset with the end of the season. They had a miserable mark and were without a doubt one of the, if not the worst team in all of professional football.

There is hope in sight. Many Browns fans are also Indians fans. The Indians, although they had a rough go last season, are very optimistic this season.

Many baseball analysts, from ESPN to Sports Illustrated, feel that the Indians will make a legitimate push at the division title as well as a playoff spot.

On the other hand, Pittsburgh really hasn't been too fortunate on the baseball end of things.

The excitement of the Steelers season will defiantly be an unforgettable one, even from the standpoint of a non-fan.

This baseball season however, I am almost for sure that Cleveland will have the excitement that Pittsburgh felt during the football season.

Pittsburgh has traditionally been known for its baseball with a few pennants here and there mixed in, and also shadowed by the "Steel Curtain" and the Super Bowl Championships.

The past is, well, the past, and all we can do is look back and talk about "the good old days."

However, the future is upon us and we must look ahead.

I am still in amazement that the team where the National League Rookie of the Year plays also happens to have on of the worst records in professional baseball.

Jason Bay is definitely one of the most solid players and, yes, he is very young.

However, the Pirates have the problem where if a player is good, they don't have enough bank to keep him around.

At the same time, I really don't think this is where Pittsburgh's problems lie. They have a field that has experience, as well as talent.

Jack Wilson, Craig Wilson, Benito Santiago, Ty Wigginton, Tike Redman, Matt Lawton and Bobby Hill are all able to "git'er done". The problem with the Pirates is in the pitching.

I would really like to know what goes through Lloyd McClendon's head when he makes some of his decisions.

I think you need to know that I am a die-hard San Diego Padres fan. I was one of the few that stayed up to watch the 12th inning walk-in run for a 1-0 Padres victory.

I would really like to know what goes through Lloyd McClendon's head when he makes some of his decisions.

I was excited that the Friars won their home opener, but at the same time I was wondering, "Who the heck is Rick White?"

From what I learned from Pirates fans as well as some other research, he really hasn't produced at all on the major league level.

Why Lloyd, why keep him around and also WHY keep playing him?

Not all of the pitchers are playing terrible; Mark Redman: 0.00 earned run average, Josh Fogg: 1.42 ERA, and Dave Williams: 1.59 ERA.

On the negative side; Kip Wells: 8.03 ERA and Oliver Perez: 11.00 ERA.

These stats really say it all. Inconsistent pitching is killing the Pirates.

The bats aren't the best, but when you give up monster homeruns to the Brewers, it really is a big blow to the morale of the whole team.

Tom is a junior Political Science Major from Erie, Pa. He is member of the football team, College Republicans and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

Sports Shorts

Swimming

The men's & women's swimming teams have each been selected as Academic All-America teams by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) for the Fall 2004 semester. The CSCAA recognized collegiate swimming programs at all levels that have attained a team grade-point average of 2.8 or higher.

The Lady Titans posted a team GPA of 3.16 last semester, marking the 30th time in the past 33 semesters the Westminster women have garnered CSCAA academic recognition. Westminster was one of 56 NCAA Division III women's swimming programs to be honors.

The Titan men posted a 2.8 team GPA in the fall of 2004, as they earned their first CSCAA academic recognition since the spring of 2000. Westminster was one of 39 NCAA Division III men's programs honored by the CSCAA.

Both Westminster swimming teams are led by 20th-year head coach Rob Klamut.

Tennis

The men's tennis team imrpoved to 5-8 overall and 1-4 in PAC action Tuesday in Bethany, W.Va., as the Titan netters snapped their seven-match win streak with an 8-1 league win at Bethany College.

Westminster swept all six singles matches and won two of three doubles contests to earn its first league victory of the season.

Four Titans were double winners against the Bison. The senior duo of Sam Seo and Dave Molitor won at #1 and #2 singles, respectively, while teaming to capture #1 doubles.

Junior Ben Libert and freshman Gene Cunningham team to capture #3 doubles, while also winning #3 and #5 singles, respectively.

Other Titan singles winners included junior Bryan Gesinski at #4 and classmate Ryan Mistovich at #6.

Westminster returns to the courts on April 15 when the Titans travel to face PAC rival Grove City College in a non-conference match at 3 p.m.

Softball

The softball team ran its 2005 record to 16-4 overall and 1-1 in PAC play, as the Lady Titans opened their conference schedule with a doubleheader split at league foe Grove City.

The Wolverines edged Westminster 1-0 in game one, breaking the Lady Titans' six-game win streak. In the nightcap, Westminster salvaged the split with an 8-2 win.

The opener saw Grove City score the game's only run on a wild pitch in the third inning.

Sophomore pitcher Jennifer Pancake took the hard-luck loss, falling to 11-2 despite allowing one run on just four hits with one walk and two strikeouts. Westminster was limited to five hits at the plate.

Freshman third baseman Hannah Parker was a perfect 2-for-2 with a double, while junior second baseman Abby Mazar was 2-for-3.

Game two saw Westminster take control early with four runs in the first and three more in the third, while giving up a pair of unearned runs on just two hits.

Junior Kat Parfitt pitched the first four innings to earn the win, allowing one unearned run on two hits with no walks and a pair of strikeouts to improve to 4-0 on the season.

Junior Courtney Snyder threw hitless ball with three walks and two strikeouts over the final three innings for the Lady Titans.

Offensively, Westminster pounded out 11 hits in the nightcap.

Freshman shortstop Maria Joseph was a perfect 2-for-2 with a double and three RBIs, while Pancake and senior first baseman Heidi Kimmel each went 2-for-4 with two runs scored.

Westminster softball returned to action last night, as the Lady Titans hosted La Roche College for a non-conference doubleheader.

Arts & Entertainment

Hobbits, polar bears, and philosphy, oh my!

Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

I know I talk a lot about TV. I blame one my favorite Post-Gazette columnists, TV Critic Rob Owen, for that (Rob, I want your job when you retire).

What's interesting is that, despite my penchant for blabbing about it, I don't get to watch as much TV as it would appear. I just know what I like and try to include appropriate viewing time into my daily schedule.

Luckily, my can't-miss favorites are on in the evening. If I were hooked on soaps, we'd be in big trouble, I'll tell you that much.

That being said, it's quite a task to be let into my super cool society of worthy shows. I didn't really get into Buffy the Vampire Slayer until the third season (I don't care what you say; there's great symbolism in those monsters).

I refused heartily for a long time to give The O.C. a chance, because everyone else was watching it, and well, why not dare to be different? ER has been on the air for how long, and I became a fan only after my freshman year.

It's taken me almost all year, but I have finally let Lost in on the good times. Or, rather, I've finally joined the party that is Lost. I really hope this show will repeat over the summer so I can see all of the episodes.

If you're unfamiliar with the show, a plane traveling from Australia to L.A. crashed on an extremely mysterious island somewhere in the Pacific.

There are currently 44 passengers remaining, and the season is covering the first 40 days of being on the island (Biblical reference, anyone?). Episodes are usually centered on a different, small group of characters, and through flashbacks, we get to see what these people's lives were like before getting on that plane.

Anyway, the following is a buffet of thoughts I have about the show. Some go along with theories already out in the open, some are ones I'm just now trying out.

First, I think there are more connections to Buffy than some would like to admit. This is primarily evident in the similarities between Lost creator, J.J. Abrams, and Buffy creator, Joss Whedon.

When Buffy was still on the air, it was well known among fans that Joss wanted nothing more than to unexpectedly off a regular character, just for the sheer shock and surprise of it. He succeeded in doing so with Tara (Amber Benson) in the sixth season.

Benson's character was killed in the very episode where she was officially billed in the regular opening credits after two and a half years of being a "special guest star."

Last week, Abrams and his team of writers shocked audiences by killing Boone (Ian Somerholder), after falling off of a cliff while inside a small deserted plane.

Somerholder has said in interviews that he'll be back on the show in flashbacks and in some other capacity next season, so we will still get to enjoy his pretty blue eyes.

Speaking of eyes (in a way), the thing that initially caught my interest was the fact my favorite Hobbit, Dominic Monaghan was a cast member (He's a washed-up rock star with a fun heroin habit).

Then I got hooked. Darn that good story telling.

For me, I'm most intrigued by the social and cultural commentary bubbling up below the surface (Remember, we English majors love us some symbolism).

After a little research, my favorite tidbit comes in the form of name references, specifically in John Locke (named for a Brit who thought that before modern society, people lived in the wild in a state of equality and happiness) and the crazy French woman, Danielle Rousseau, who is living deep in the jungle (she's named for Jean Jacques Rousseau, a French philosopher who believed that society is corrupt, and man can only become truly noble after being removed from that society).

Another subtle thing I really like is that one character, Sawyer, is usually reading a classic book that is somehow related to the focus of the episode or the overall theme of the show. He's been spotted reading "Watership Down" and "Lord of the Flies," among other things.

It's hard to pin this show down into one genre. Is it Science Fiction, fantasy, mystery, thriller, action-adventure, or drama?

Who knows - maybe it's all of the above. Whatever it is, it's just a fun show. Go watch. Now.

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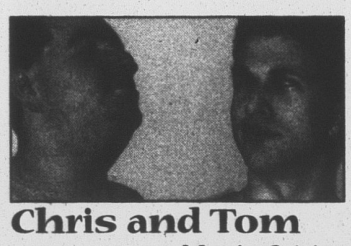
The upside of being angry



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

Here in Northwestern Pennsylvania, the smaller, more mature films that come out through the year are rarely seen at the Westgate.

Art films and independents require a trip to Austintown for those that can't wait until video.

However, every once in awhile, a film premiers in New York/L.A./New Castle, PA.

Okay, The Upside of Anger did not premier in New Castle, but considering the small number of theaters it is being shown on, it might as well have.

Remember Kevin Costner? He's the guy who built the baseball field, killed Alan "Sheriff of Nottingham" Rickman, danced with some wolves, had gills, etc. He's in this movie. But he's not the star.

The Upside of Anger stars the not-seen-enough Joan Allen as Terry Wolfmeyer. Terry's husband has recently left her with four girls, ranging from college senior to fifteen. No surprise he left.

Seriously though, Terry begins a downward emotional ride that begins to destroy her whole family.

Each of her children finds her own way of dealing with their father's departure, most of which is apparently directed of her mother.

Terry takes to alcohol to find solace in time of troubles, and Costner's Denny Davies is right there to be her drinking buddy.

As their relationship grows, tension between the girls skyrockets and in just three years their lives are different than ever imaginable. Until one day...

The direction and writing of this film were both tackled by Mike Binder. He's not done much, but he was in Blankman. Now Mike Binder can say he's done something wonderful. I

t is a beautifully written film, combining humor and drama to keep you laughing and crying just enough so it does not become unbearable.

The direction, although subtle, cleverly links the scenes each time. This movie makes sense at all times, even when unbelievable times occur. That much of the film can be entirely credited to Mike Binder.

This, however, is not a director's showcase. It's more like the Wrestlemania of acting.

Everyone in this movie, including Mike Binder, delivers a knockout performance that tops all previous works.

That's a tough call to make on Joan Allen simply because she's so wonderful in everything.

But for someone like Costner, who has been knocked down for years, this movie is a dream come true. The four girls as well, including Thirteen's Evan Rachel Wood and Felicity's Keri Russell, find a way to manage their characters separately.

For four teenage/twenties girls, the fact that these characters do not become muddled and remain as independent as possible heightens the fact that each girl is at a critical stage of life.

This is such an important aspect of the film that if it were not handled this perfectly, the film would have been ruined.

However, this movie is far from ruined. The Upside of Anger is the movie most people long for each Oscar season.

Unfortunately, an early spring release may spell doom for the likely deserved awards this film would have received.

If we, as film lovers, are treated to a better movie this year it would be amazing. If this year keeps up and delivers more like The Upside of Anger, Hollywood may become reminiscent of the late 1930s/early 40s.

So here we make a plea to those in New Wilmington. To those who read this article:

Please go see The Upside of Anger. Male or female, you will relate to this movie.

This movie will touch you. It will make you think and more than likely you'll be happier about who you are as a result of it.

We have been blessed with having the opportunity to see this movie in the theaters.

While the movie is no longer at Westgate, we plead with you to make the trip to a Pittsburgh theater.

The experience will not be the same on video, even if you did just get a new high definition TV. Take no chances.

Finals coming up? Study later.

Too much pre-graduation partying to worry about? Sneak some into the theater.

Baby crying all night so you can't get a babysitter?

Dish out the extra cash. Take no chances. Carpool if you must.

Just please, please treat yourself to the first A movie of the year.

Chris Medjesky is a fifth-year physics major, who stuck around for an extra year just for the film studies minor. Tom Oyer is a senior sociology major and a film studies minor. Neither of them have seen Jaws.

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April 15, 2005
11:30 AM Presentation by Congressman Tim Murphy — MCC Mueller Theater
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
5:00 PM Hot Dog Eating Contest — Shaw Hall
6:30 PM Planetarium Multi-Media Program: "The Dawn of Astronomy" — 116 Hoyt Science Center
7:00 PM College Republicans' Guest Speaker: Congressman Tim Murphy — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Life Aquatic — MCC Mueller Theater
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: In Good Company — MCC Mueller Theater

April 16, 2005
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Volunteer Workshop — MCC Witherspoon Rooms
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM RELAY FOR LIFE — Memorial Field
3:00 PM Senior Voice Recital: Katherine Duncan — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:30 PM Opera Westminster Presents Opera Italiana — Orr Auditorium
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: In Good Company — MCC Mueller Theater
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Life Aquatic — MCC Mueller Theater

April 17, 2005
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Canoe-a-Thon — Lake Brittain/Anderson Amphitheater
3:00 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller: The Life Aquatic — MCC Mueller Theater
3:00 PM Men's and Women's Choruses Concert — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: In Good Company — MCC Mueller Theater

April 18, 2005
Greek Week
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Zeta Tau Alpha Big Man on Campus — TUB Info Table, through April 22
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM Greek Feud — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:00 PM Circle K Meeting — Patterson 231
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

April 19, 2005
Greek Week
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sun Safety Info Table — TUB
7:00 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Series: Hero (2002 China) — MCC Mueller Theater
7:00 PM Peace Studies Speaker with Experiences in Rwanda: Carl Wilkens — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255
9:00 PM Newman Club — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

April 20, 2005
Greek Week
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Graduate School Fair — MCC Witherspoon Rooms
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Barbara Faires, "A Mathematician Reads Architecture" — MCC Mueller Theater
4:30 PM Children's Literature Group: The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place by E. L. Konigsburg — Mugsies
7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater
8:00 PM Circle K Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
8:00 PM Miss Titan Competition — Orr Auditorium
8:30 PM Seekers College Fellowship — MCC Club/Lounge
9:00 PM Allies Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

April 21, 2005
Greek Week
12:00 PM Career Center Program on Medical School — MCC Mueller Theater
3:30 PM Registration Ends for CPR Recertification Classes — Field House (Coach Klamut)
4:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting — Patterson 113
5:30 PM S.A.D.D. Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater
7:00 PM First-Year Women's Room Drawing — MCC Witherspoon Maple
7:30 PM Biology Seminar — MCC Mueller Theater
8:00 PM Greek Idol Competition — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
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Last weeks's answers

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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Cash flows to you from an unexpected source. Play it smart and keep all possible avenues for receiving good into your life open and clear.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): This would be the ideal time to eradicate problems and move on to new opportunities. Re-evaluate a frustrating situation that is not working out.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Periods of quiet meditation will put you in the right mood this week. Place your focus or emphasis on addressing your inner goals.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Incorporate positive people skills that you can use to help further your career. Think of honesty, fairness and an open mind as absolute attributes.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Your hard work and persistence really pays off in career pursuits. Put your nose to the grindstone and do not give up before reaching your desired goal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): The biggest challenge you will face this week is an exchange of thoughts, opinions or ideas with others. Get your point across with conviction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): It is time to update your financial portfolio and figure out a way to pay off a huge debt. Keep plugging along until you are in the black.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): You have what it takes to be fair and just in your assessment of a situation. Rise above judgment and give a loved one your honest opinion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Expect to be compensated well for your drive and determination. Be willing to go the extra mile in order to see a goal through to completion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Laughter is the best medicine for curing your mental or emotional ills this week. Lighten up and smile your way through trouble and despair.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Do not make the mistake of taking a relationship with a parent or elder for granted. Tell or show him or her, the many ways that you care.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Offer your full support to a community project that will enhance or improve your neighborhood. Work with others and really make a difference.

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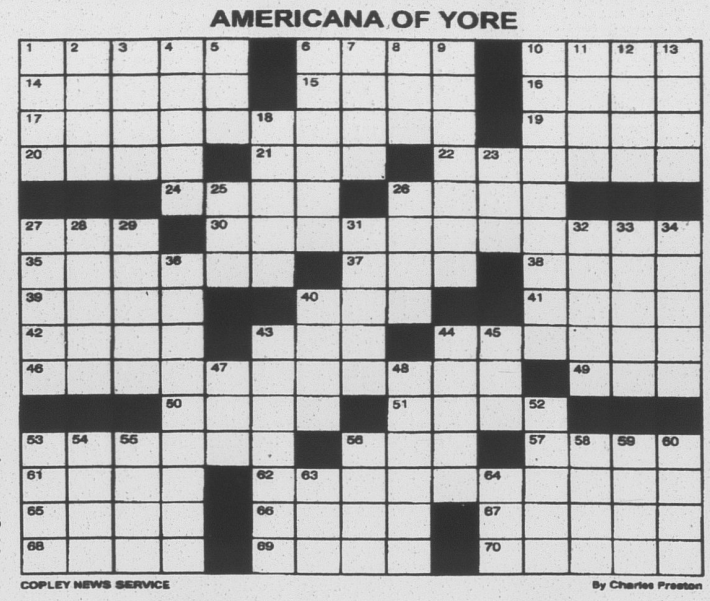

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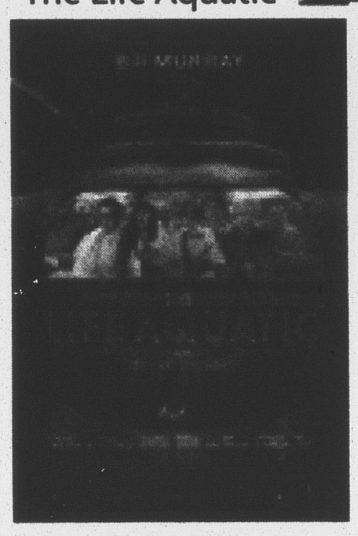

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Features

Laura's Workout Plan

Laura Zorch
Features Editor

Fitness is always a hot topic, and new trends in fighting fat pop up every three minutes.

But you can throw everything you know about weight loss out the window, because I am about to unveil the Laura Zorch plan to melting off the inches.

Now, before you go lighting areas of fat on fire, please stop.

Being the expert that I am (on all things weight-loss), I know that lighting yourself on fire will not work (sure, that would melt off inches, but it would also hurt). Nor will ingesting multiple pies, cakes, and other delightful pastries in bulk each day...

...Man, screw weight loss! We don't need to work out! Let's all go to the bakery!

Ok, none of that. Now that my lapse of accepting my body is over, lets get back to setting unattainable weight loss goals. Take that, self esteem!

So before we get started, here are some helpful hints to get you on the right track towards slimming down:

- Carb counting is for losers. So you, yes you, licking the bagel for just a hint of carblicious goodness, just take a bite.

- Don't deny yourself the food that you really love. Otherwise, things could get ugly, and one day you may take candy right out of a baby's hand.

Yes, that's right; not indulging in your favortie food every once in a while leads to stealing from babies.

I'm sure there is a prison gang somewhere waiting for you and your infant-antagonizing self.

-Purchasing 'work-out' attire is a waste of money. Wearing an old t-shirt and shorts will allow you to burn the same number of calories as if you were outfitted in a matching ensemble that you could only afford after selling a kidney.

-No diet pills. TrimSpa seems to be a miracle worker for Anna Nicole Smith, but she also fell off the bizarro wagon quite some time ago. So if you want to follow in her footsteps, that's your own call; my plan is about health, not crazy.

Now that I have outlined some tips for success, I will lay out the plan for you: buy a pedometer.

Walk 10,000 steps a day. That's it. Pedometers are the greatest invention of modern society.

I bought one the other day, and I can't take it off. I am addicted to taking the recommended 10,000 steps a day.

Yeah, this plan stinks. If you were looking for a real weightloss plan, sorry.

You shouldn't be taking advice from someone who writes as ridiculously as I do anyway. I can't be trusted.

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Grubbin' with Greg

What's in Your Fridge?

Greg Smith
Grubbin' with Greg

Every week I invite you into my world through telling you about some of the finest culinary experiences the surrounding area has to offer.

Ok, well maybe not all of the experiences are noteworthy for their swanky décor or their very exclusive menus, but I can only work with what I'm given and sometimes that ain't much.

While I do enjoy frequenting restaurants in the surrounding area, there are those times that my poor college kid instincts kick in and I'm half inclined to have some Easy Mac or Cup O' Noodles.

That's right, even yours truly has his low points when it comes to dining, but I suppose that is part of the college experience.

When you look around at all of your friends and the types of things that you find in their "cupboards" or in their fridge there isn't much diversity in the staple items which include Easy Mac, Ramen Noodles, Cereal, Milk, Doritos, and Mountain Dew.

That is why I thought that it would be interesting to not talk about my eating habits for once, and instead ask the students of Westminster to open up their arms and open up their fridges to let me get an exclusive look of the items they keep stocked in their fridge.

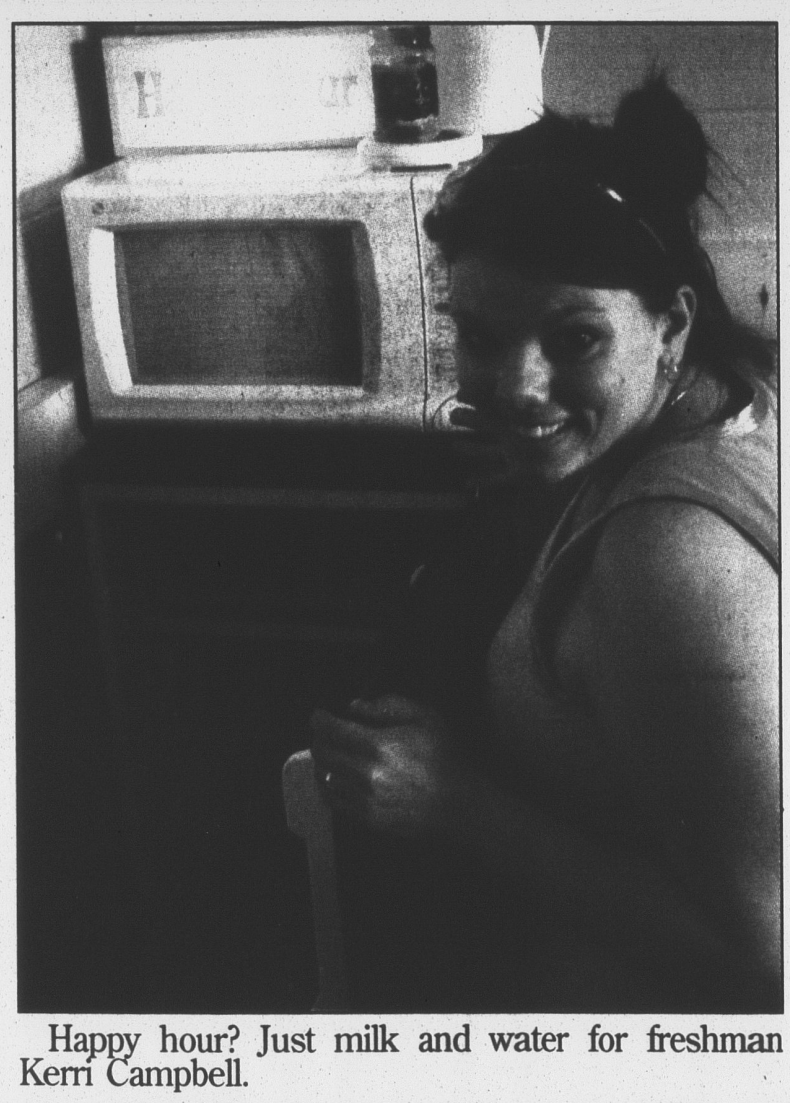
So, this week, we have a special edition column of Grubbin' With Greg: Fridge-Raiders Style.

Until next week, keep on grubbin'.

Greg is a senior political science major. He is co-founder of the Fatty Club, offering support for hearty eaters everywhere.

Junior Katie Huber is in no danger of going thirsty of any time soon with her stash of water, Gatorade, and root beer.

Two fridges mean twice the food, right? Sophomores Lindsey Davis and Meredith Muller sure think so.



Happy hour? Just milk and water for freshman Kerri Campbell.

Low fidelity: A music geek's record store dreams shattered by reality

By Nick Keppler
Pitt News Columnist

Every adolescent music geek dreams about working at a CD store.

When I applied to the local mall's Sam Goody at age 16, I imagined my supervisors would be fun eccentrics like the characters in the movie "High Fidelity" and that the store would be patronized by adorable indie-rock girls, previously unseen in the suburban Pennsylvanian landscape.

We would discuss the historic importance of Iggy Pop and Lou Reed, bond over our mutual love of The Pixies, and then have hot sex in the store's dirty break room.

Incidentally, this is how all my daydreams ended at age 16 – minus the dirty break room.

But during my first week on the job, I faced some unpleasant revelations.

Neither of the store's two mangers was like the laidback screwballs of "High Fidelity."

One was a still-acned member of my high school's class of 1996 who took out her frustration at her life situation by throwing cassette tapes against the wall.

"Another damn day at the Goody," she said as she shattered a copy of The Rolling Stones' Tattoo You.

She failed to achieve her dream of becoming an anesthesiologist and, apparently, it was Mick Jagger's fault.

The other manager was a scowling, skin-headed man whose two primary beliefs were that gloomy goth rock should be played on the overhead speakers regularly and that employees would better understand instructions if they were uttered with a Hannibal Lecter-ish.

Plus, the store was less like a cool place to hang out and more like a business.

I spent more time organizing CDs, manning the cash register and unloading boxes than trading "Paul is Dead" clues from Beatles albums with co-workers.

Oh, well, I thought. At least, there're still the indie-rock girls and the hot sex.

But I discovered that the store's customers were not interested in indie rock, not interested in having sex with me and, yet, nonetheless expected me to assist them.

Revelations A and B were crushing and C wouldn't have been so bad if the customers were not all unbelievably stupid.

They stood before me, humming songs they heard on the radio to me, expecting that I would know the exact CD on which to find the melody they were mumbling.

They needed to be guided to the Aerosmith section, never thinking that it might be under "Rock: A"

And once they found the CD they wanted, they stared at it blankly for a moment, put it back in the wrong place and then headed back to Orange Julius for another smoothie.

While most customers were unpredictable in their stupidity, there were a few trends:

If customers bought a CD by Garth Brooks or Celine Dion, he or she would waste 15 minutes of my time, explaining that it was for someone else.

If a customer liked a band that cannot correctly spell the words "corn," "biscuit" or "stained," that customer would likely be unable to read a price tag without assistance.

If a customer was older than 60, he was probably looking for some obscure opera CD released 10 years ago, which I knew we did not have, but which I had to search for anyway and then, confirming that we didn't have it, explain that we may be able to "special order."

But the elderly customer would not understand the concept of special ordering because he stopped understanding new concepts 20 years ago.

"Here's some U2," I felt like saying. "People like them. Go home."

After six weeks, with the cute indie-rock girls failing to show and my urge to physically batter customers becoming uncontainable, I left Sam Goody.

I took a job washing dishes and scrubbing pots at a local restaurant.

The work was grimy but did not involve questions such as, "Which Snoop Dogg album has that song about pot on it?"

The moral of this story is this: Do not take a summer job at a CD store; it is actually a really crappy job.

Be nice to the people who do work at such stores.

And if you're old and looking for something no one cares about, don't even step in the door.

You'll just bother people.

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Isn't she lovely?

Sigma Kappa crowns Miss Titan, raises money for Alzheimer's research

By Ben Snyder
Campus Writer

Men parading around in two-piece swimsuits tends to draw attention, as it did Wednesday, April 20, with students flocking into Orr Auditorium for Sigma Kappa's 21st annual Miss Titan beauty pageant.

The event had its three staple sections: the swimsuit competition, the evening gown competition and the interview.

Sigma Kappa threw in a few surprises that spiced up the event as well, such as the apperance of Greek advisor Scott "Scooter" Renninger in a dress and a performance from the dance theatre show.

This year, a total of 12 men, each representing an organization on campus, competed for the highly coveted title of Miss Titan 2005.

"I think that I look better in a dress than Tom [Benoit] does," said Miss Theta Chi, Jeremy Lawler, as he was getting ready for the event. Benoit, representing Sigma Kappa, could not be reached for comment.

The final decision, however, was up to the cafeteria workers who made up this year's panel of judges. They based their scores on the contestants' "beauty" and on their personality revealed through the question and answer session.

And as some of the men learned, "beauty" sometimes hurts.

"I never knew how hard it is to wear heels," said Miss Phi Mu, Charlie Judge, who took the crown at the end of the night.

He stole the judges' hearts with his "precious" answer to the question, "What is your ideal date?" "It would involve an Amish buggy ride through campus on a late December evening," blushed Judge.

"With snow falling upon my face and a nice fellow on my arm."

Sophomore Lisa Revale, who organized this year's event, was very pleased with the pageant's success.

"We had an amazing turnout this year and all of the candidates were great sports. We wouldn't be able to hold Miss Titan each year without everybody's help," she said.

Sigma Kappa has sponsored Miss Titan during Greek Week every year since 1984 when the sorority took on Alzheimer's disease research as their national philanthropy.

Photos by Lindsey Robertson

Miss Phi Mu, Charlie Judge, was crowned Miss Titan 2005. Miss Theta Chi and Miss Zeta Tau Alpha were runners-up.

It's all Greek to WC: Brothers and sisters unite

By Bob Allen
Campus Writer

There is a war being fought on campus this week.

It happens every year and no matter how hard one may try, it is impossible to avoid hearing its presence.

This war is Greek Week.

Year after year the fraternities and sororities come together to show just how much fun being Greek can be.

There are a multitude of games and competitions ranging from sports to trivia.

Each organization signs up their best competitors for the events and the afternoons are spent in heavy competition.

Sometimes the challenges are head to head while others see the sororities and fraternities teaming up to take on rivals.

The senior chairs Tricia Burich and Eddie DeRose and junior chairs John Buco and Katie Crompton organized the week.

To help, each organization sent representatives to meetings and to help officiate.

The battle began on Monday with kickball. This was a paired event that saw Sigma Nu and Zeta Tau Alpha come out on top.

Next matters got ugly with dodgeball. Old 77 was invaded as the combatants tried to eliminate one another by hitting an opponent with a ball or by catching one thrown at them.

The Alpha Sigs and Alpha Gams won this one respectively.

Then it was over to the McKelvey Club Room for a meeting of the minds in Greek Feud. Here the Sig Eps were able to edge out Theta Chi in the finals while the Alpha Gams dominated.

Day two saw even more intense competition with the long drive contest, volleyball, badminton and the amazon race.

This new event is modeled after the television show The Amazing Race.

Participants spent nearly an hour sprinting across campus looking for clues and facing obstacles.

The rest of the week includes football, track and field, basketball, tug of war, softball, Greek Idol, relay races, ultimate frisbee and "Anything That Floats."

The week's fun will all be capped off Saturday evening with the annual Sing 'n' Swing competition.

The Greeks are each allowed two hours every night to work on a song and dance routine.

Once Saturday arrives, the groups will be given a brief dress rehearsal in Orr Auditorium before the curtain rises at 8 p.m.

After the judges make their decisions, all of the awards for the week will be given out.

These accolades will also include the winner of best pick-up day for the fraternities.

"Greek Week is my favorite time of the year," said sophomore Theta Chi Jason Mitchell. "It really gives the entire Greek community a chance to get together and have some healthy competition."

Some others see the week as a chance to cut loose.

"Most of the Greeks are heavily involved in other organizations on campus so it is nice to have a week where we can just have fun," said Kappa Delta senior Jessica Rummel.

Sometimes the noise and excitement of Greek week can cause disturbances for those not involved.

In years past, there have been angry letters to the editor about classes and study time being interrupted by cheering or Sing 'n' Swing rehearsals.

"I don't mind Greek week at all," said senior Tom Oyer.

"I live in an apartment now, but even when I was on campus I didn't mind. I think it is good that people are out doing things, enjoying the nice weather and having fun."

Greek Week awards will be announced this Saturday.

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Phi Mu Jaci Sabolsky is no cowardly lion as she supports her sorority during volleyball.

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Sisters of Sigma Kappa cheer on their team during a heated volleyball game against Zeta Tau Alpha on Tuesday, April 19 in Buzz Ridl Gymnasium.

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Opinion

Rant & Rave

Don't ask her for directions! She just lied to that girl!

I am not a phallic symbol.

Happy Greek Week!

Happy Independent Awareness Week!

Apparently this is the reward I get for years of screwing with super science.

We have been engaged in a deadly game of cat and also-cat for years!

How does it feel to be a liar with pants constantly on fire?

Do not be too hasty entering that room. I had Taco Bell for lunch!

That's all right, that's okay, you're gonna pump our gas someday!

Green tea appeases me.

Yes, I am aware that I am independant. That's why I'm here in the air conditioning and they're outside sweating.

Do not guide the blind in darkness if you cannot see yourself.

She moves like they do!

Pudding can't fill the emptiness inside me, but it will help.

Ahhhh..mercury, sweetest of the transition metals.

How about you call Bruce Springsteen and tell him to get a new nickname because you're obviously the Boss!

He won't bother you if you're in the fetal position.

Mulch smells like poo.

You don't have to be Jewish to wish someone a Happy Hanukkah.

I'm not feeling! He is the one who's feeling!

That there is one damn fine coat you're wearin'.

I can only express puzzlement, which borders on alarm.

I don't know about you, but I'm havin' a ball.

It's people like you that give the TUB a reason to keep making that weird stuff.

Bust their nuts!

My blood pressure and stress level are inverse functions of the number of days remaining before summer.

Abort the fetal position!

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Another Westminster? We are not alone

Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

Westminster College was founded in 1875 as a preparatory school. Since its creation, Westminster has grown as a nationally known college with more than 2000 undergraduate students, with close to 500 graduate students. The 27-acre campus is located near the Emigration Creek section of Salt Lake City and...

Wait a second... Salt Lake City!? That's right Westminnies, the Westminster College that we know and love is not the only Westminster College out there. In fact, in addition to this other 'Minster in Salt Lake City, we have doppelgangers in Missouri (yet another Westminster College), New Jersey (Westminster Choir College) and across "the pond" in England (University of Westminster).

When I found out about our fellow Westminster Colleges, I became intrigued. How would life at another Westminster compare with life at our little slice of Amish-paradise?

First off, I started with some in-depth, hardcore investigative journalism. (Read: I went online and found all of the school Web pages).

In the end, I decided to begin with our counterparts in Salt Lake City. Who would be better to contact for my column than my counterparts at the college's student newspaper? I soon found an e-mail address for "The Forum," which from online seemed to be a very well-crafted piece of journalistic art.

I have to say, honestly, that I think I may have scared the staff of The Forum with my first e-mail. Knowing my general lack of tact and sub-par grammar skills, I undoubtedly sounded like some sort of babbling-hick from Amish country who somehow managed to find a computer and harass some college newspaper halfway across the country.

Nonetheless, the staff of The Forum was gracious and accommodating. They pointed me in the direction of several Web pages while providing me with various information.

In just looking at The Forum's online edition, I saw many similarities between our two fair campuses.

Parking concerns? Present. Tuition going up? You betcha. The college is pushing to bring in more out of state/minority students? Got that, too.

I'm starting to feel a kinship with these students. Then I see that the theatre department recently performed "The Laramie Project." Hmm, now that's getting a little too coincidental.

I delved back into the main site for Westminster College, Salt Lake City and found a campus map, which proved a host of additional similarities. Classic buildings, grassy common areas and even a building named Shaw... the weirdness is never-ending.

However, everything is not the same between the two Westminsters. Our friends in Salt Lake City have a student population of approximately 2000 undergraduates, compared to our 1400. However, they may be a little more cramped than we are, as their campus is approximately 27 acres, compared to our nearly 300 acres. Additionally, their campus lacks Greek organizations (which is particularly pertinent this week).

In end, what started out as a fun little article regarding the other Westminsters, became a reminder of things to be thankful for and things to be working toward.

And for all the complaining that we do about college policies and ideals, we must admit, that for the most part, we all have it pretty damn good.

It is important to keep perspective and, above all, a sense of humor.

Remember, no college is perfect, not this Westminster College or any Westminster College.

Our aching wallets: Why tuition must rise

Students often complain without knowing how their financial aid package is calculated or where their money goes

By Colin Dean
Managing Editor

Did they light an illegal candle? Did they drink PBR on school property? Did they somehow get caught downloading illegal things from the Internet? Worse. The annual tuition increase notification has arrived.

Ah, it's the end of the semester again: students scrambling to bring up their troubled grades, scribbling down last minute AIM screennames, preparing for graduation and fighting with their friends about who's buying who dinner down at the TUB and cafe - not letting one single precious dine dollar go to waste.

It's also the time of the year when the dreaded letter of financial doom flutters into students' typically innocuous mail box.

Each student frets while thumbing open the creased letter's seal. Did they light an illegal candle? Did they drink PBR on school property? Did they somehow get caught downloading illegal things from the Internet? Worse.

Shocked, their voices scoffing repeatedly at the words "five," "percent" and "increase" lingering within a dime's width of each other.

Ah, the annual tuition increase notification has arrived.

"Can I afford this?" they ask themselves.

As you yourself open the letter and grieve, your mind wanders. It reminisces about your matriculation to this magnificent palace (okay, place) of education.

Deja vu sets in, or at least it seems like deja vu.

You slaved like a madman for four long years. You barely managed to keep the 3.75 GPA enabling you to accept the best scholarship which your dream college - Westminster - offers. You had already been accepted, so the biggest part of your dream was complete.

Yes, you had your heart, your soul, your mind - every fiber of your very being - set on that scholarship - the $15,000 one that covers almost your entire tuition, leaving the rest to loans, smaller grants and cold, hard cash.

The letter comes. The school received your FAFSA and you got it - the top scholarship. You are going to Westminster - your dream college.

Your mind skips forward a year.

"Five percent increase in tuition," says the letter. Your scholarship percentage just went from 55 percent to 50 percent. You sweat a bit, but then you remember that you got a hot summer job with some babes. Yeah, you can afford it.

Your mind returns to the present as deja vu fades. Yes, now another whopping five percent is slapped on top. You begin to experience vertigo; your scholarship percentage has slid to 48 percent - enough, now, that you're worried.

You're going to have a hard time finding a job on campus next year because you don't qualify for work study.

You don't have a car, and there's no way that your parents could help you buy one.

Your options are slimming faster than Anna Nicole on Trim Spa.

Harsh reality steps in-you've reached your final option other than starving to death or anorexia: debt.

The Holcad considered this: if tuition goes up, shouldn't the scholarships go up, too?

Long ago, when our current beloved seniors were but mere frosh, there existed a percentage-based scholarship: the Trustee's scholarship. It was the largest scholarship at the time - a massive 50 percent of tuition for getting a 1200 on the SATs and keeping a 3.7 in high school.

This scholarship has remained, but it's no longer percentage-based. Instead, it was converted to a dollar-amount scholarship - $10,000 at the time of its conversion, 55 percent of the tuition for that year (2002-2003). For this coming year, in order to keep the scholarship at at least 50 percent, the scholarship was raised to $11,000.

It was converted because the college assumed that parents would be more likely to understand and accept a straight dollar amount over a percent.

In 2003, the Vance scholarship, $5,000 in previous years, tripled to $15,000, effectively covering 77 percent of a new student's tuition.

I spoke with Doug Swartz, head of the Admissions department, about the issue, and he cleared up a lot of confusion that students might have about the correlation between tuition and scholarships.

The college, when it decides the scholarship amounts for a class of incoming students, places a value on the requirements for a scholarship. Tied in with that calculation is the cost of attendance and the estimated rise in the cost of attendance. A student's scholarship amount does not increase because the value placed on their scholarship at the time they received it does not increase.

"As the cost goes up, a student's need-based financial aid will increase," Swartz said. This increase in financial aid, while not covering the entire tuition increase, often covers a large amount of it.

A lot of students think that, because they pay so much to go here, they should be able to get supply x, do activity y, or provide service z. Students seem to rarely understand just where their money goes.

"Tuition only goes so far. It covers about 75 percent of the costs of the college. Donors and fund-raising cover about 25 percent of costs," Swartz said. Student money goes towards the yearly increases in water, electricity and cable bills, among other constantly increasing costs.

"One very commonly misunderstood thing is that no student money goes into construction," Swartz said, pointing out that all developments, such as the McKelvey Campus Center, the renovations to Old Main and the upcoming townhouse project are funded by fund-raising and donations.

In the decade or so before President Williamson's reign, there was very little construction on campus. Since his advent, though, there has been an abundance of cash flow from alumni, the government, and other sources - paying for the all of the construction projects.

What of the students who are not able to keep up with the cost of attendance increases? There is a need-based scholarship available to all students, incoming or returning, called the Graham Ireland scholarship. It is totally internal, meaning it is college-funded (not from tuition, though). It is small compared to the merit-based scholarships.

If a student's parent loses his or her job or something else financially catastrophic happens to the student or his or her family, there is a special circumstances form available from the government that might be able to assist in securing more funds until the family can get back on their feet.

The yearly increase in the cost of attendance can also help a family get more money, believe it or not.

"A slight increase might put a family into the next higher level of aid," Swartz said. This higher level can bring hundreds or thousands of dollars of addition aid to students.

Unfortunately for our families' pocketbooks and bank accounts, tuition increases are necessary evils. No one wants to pay more money for anything, but students will just have to be resourceful at times like these.

Now, excuse me while I go whore out my "computer hacking skills" in hope that I might make enough money to stay in school.

Colin is one of next year's co-editors. He reads Slashdot and NotebookForums hourly and thinks Jon Stewart should run for president in 2008. He is addicted to Hot Pockets and orange juice.

Notices

The Pre-Dental Society is seeking to be recognized on the college campus. There purpose is to provide support to current students interested in the field of dentistry by encouraging academic achievement through peer interaction; participating in activities both on and off campus pertaining to different areas of dental medicine; and providing a better understanding of the opportunities possible through a career in dentistry.

Any objections should be sent to Camille Hawthorne, Associate Dean of Student Affairs by April 25, 2005.

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Outside the Bubble

Off Campus

Panel huffs and puffs about smoking in bars

By Laura Jarpi
Pitt News

Non-smokers who work around smokers in restaurants and bars increase their chances of lung cancer by 50 percent, according to Bill Godshall.

Godshall, who is the executive director of Smoke Free Pennsylvania, joined Shadyside Saloon owner John McKechnie and Dr. Bernard Goldstein, dean of Pitt's Graduate School of Public Health, in a panel discussion about the potential effects of a public smoking ban in Pennsylvania. The American Constitutional Society sponsored the event, which was held Wednesday night in the Law Building.

Only 5 percent of the smoke from a cigarette goes directly to the smokers, leaving the other 95 percent to go into the environment, Godshall said.

"There's no question that people are having an effect, because they are smelling smoke," he said.

In Pennsylvania, 85 percent of residents work in smoke-free places, Godshall said.

Godshall believes that banning smoking from restaurants should not be such a big deal. He pointed out that patrons and owners are prohibited from doing many things in restaurants — for example, using fireworks, walking around in the nude, and permitting rats to run freely around the building.

Smoking inside restaurants and bars is not necessary, Godshall said, pointing out that there are substitutes for cigarettes, including skin patches and nicotine gum.

"There is no right to smoke. Federal courts don't recognize it. No state court recognizes it," Godshall said.

As someone who works in a bar, McKenchnie agreed with Godshall.

"Our bar is very smoke-friendly," he said. "I would prefer a work environment that is smoke-free."

McKechnie does not think that banning smoking from his bar would seriously affect his business. He hopes that, with time, not smoking inside would become second nature to his customers.

McKechnie began thinking about making the Shadyside Saloon smoke-free about six months ago, after a friend opened the smoke-free Red Room Cafe and Lounge in East Liberty.

There are a few other smoke-free establishments in Pittsburgh, including the Strip District's Eleven, Mt. Washington's Grandview Saloon, the South Side's Hot Metal Grille and the Waterfront's Improv Comedy Club.

But cigarette companies spend billions of dollars to convince restaurants and bars that they will lose a lot of money, and possibly even go bankrupt, if they ban smoking, according to Godshall.

Reminding the audience that the public adjusted to separate smoking and non-smoking sections in restaurants, Godshall explained his idea that people will adjust to not smoking at all in restaurants and bars. Back in 1989, he said, Phillip Morris tried to convince restaurant and bar owners that having separate smoking and non-smoking sections would hurt business, too.

Godshall cited a survey in which 38 percent of Philadelphia suburbanites said they would be more likely to go into the city if smoking in bars and restaurants was banned. Only 8 percent said they would not want a ban on smoking in restaurants and bars, he said.

A smoking ban would also reflect well on Pittsburgh, said Goldstein, the dean of the Graduate School of Public Health. He added that visitors to Pittsburgh are often surprised patrons are permitted to smoke in nicer restaurants.

"It doesn't help in terms of the image of Pittsburgh," Goldstein said.

National

Time Warner and Comcast seal deal to buy out Adelphia

By Seth Sutel
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - After months of haggling and fending off a bid from a rival suitor, Time Warner Inc. and Comcast Corp. have sealed a deal to purchase the assets of Adelphia Communications Corp., the bankrupt cable TV company based in Colorado.

The $17.6 billion cash-and-stock deal announced Thursday will also allow Time Warner to float shares in its cable subsidiary, opening the possibility of even more consolidation in the cable industry.

The deal must still be approved by regulators and a bankruptcy court, but company officials and analysts did not anticipate significant hurdles to the deal closing. The companies said the multipart deal could take up to another year to close.

Time Warner CEO Dick Parsons, speaking to reporters on a conference call, described the deal as an "elegant, albeit complex" transaction that would allow the company to stay in the rapidly evolving cable TV industry while also giving it a separately traded stock that it could use as a currency to make other acquisitions.

For Time Warner, the transaction marks the first major acquisition since the disastrous merger with AOL in 2000. Since then, the company has disposed of several businesses including its music company, bolstering its balance sheet in the process.

The joint bid from Time Warner and Comcast had long been favored to win out over a last-minute bid by Cablevision Systems Corp., a New York-area cable provider that has been wracked by internal turmoil and a public showdown with New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg over plans to build a football stadium in Manhattan.

Asked about the possibility that Time Warner's deal could face a challenge from Cablevision or another suitor, Parsons said: "At this point in time, the fat lady has sung."

The deal divvies up Adelphia's approximately 5.3 million cable subscribers between Comcast and Time Warner, which are already the No. 1 and No. 2 players in the national cable TV industry, respectively.

While the deal is not expected to face major regulatory hurdles, it further consolidates the power of the top two companies, enabling them to move more quickly to expand into lucrative new businesses such as telephone service, high-speed data transmission, video on demand and digital video recorders.

Craig Moffett, an analyst with Sanford C. Bernstein in New York, said the deal would "create an ever more stark difference between the haves and the have-nots" in the cable industry.

Some smaller cable companies such as Cablevision have been successful at rolling out premium services such as Internet service to their customers, but others haven't moved as quickly.

In a presentation to investors, Time Warner executives said they expected to be able to increase the offerings of advanced video services to Adelphia subscribers as they spread out the cost over a larger base of customers.

Time Warner and Comcast will pay $12.7 billion in cash and 16 percent of the stock in Time Warner's cable subsidiary, to get Adelphia subscribers.

A source close to the deal but speaking on condition of anonymity valued the stock part of the payment at $4.9 billion. Time Warner and Comcast will also swap cable customers.

Philadelphia-based Comcast will give back its 21 percent interest in Time Warner Cable and pay about $1.5 billion in cash.

The multipart deal will give it a total of 1.8 million additional subscribers. New York-based Time Warner will gain 3.5 million subscribers.

Investors applauded the news that a final deal had been reached, sending Time Warner's shares up 53 cents or 3.1 percent to $17.46 on the New York Stock Exchange, while Comcast's shares rose 69 cents or 2.2 percent to $32.18, also on the NYSE.

The deal cleared a major hurdle Wednesday evening when a bankruptcy judge approved a breakup fee of 2.5 percent of the purchase price, or $440 million, making it much harder for another bidder to unravel the deal, according to people familiar with the matter.

After the deal closes, Comcast will maintain its lead as the largest cable TV company in the country, with 23.3 million customers, and Time Warner will remain No. 2 with 14.4 million subscribers.

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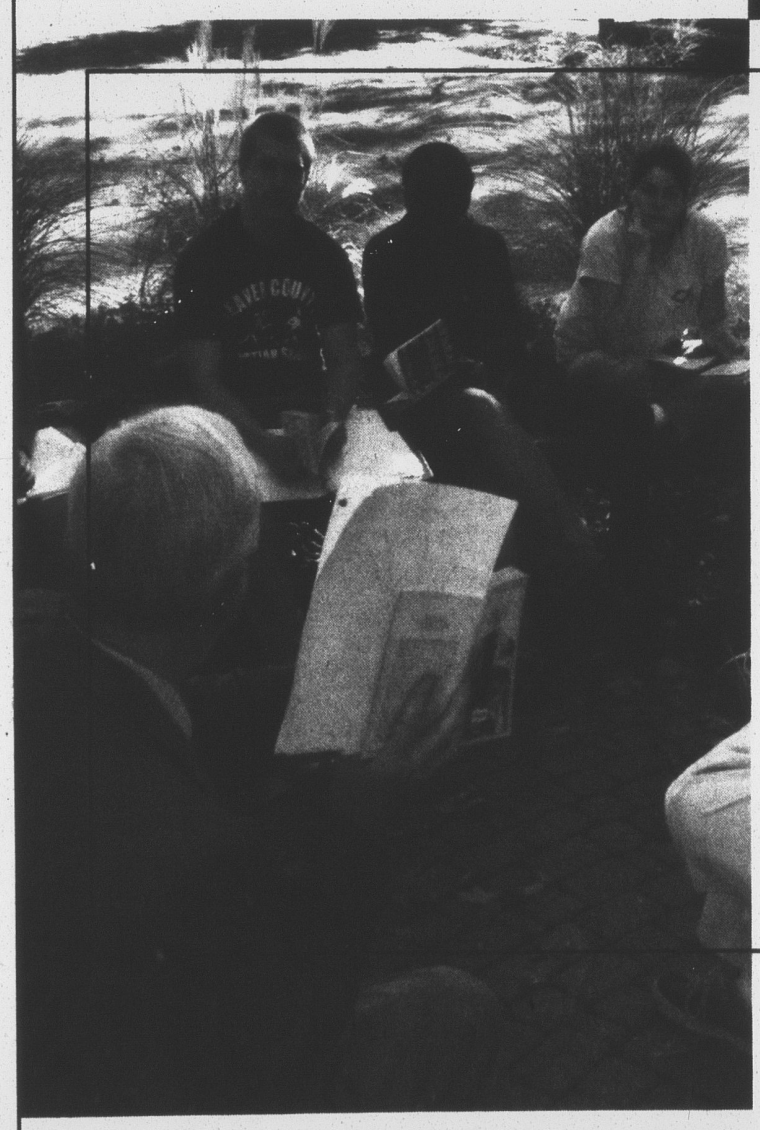

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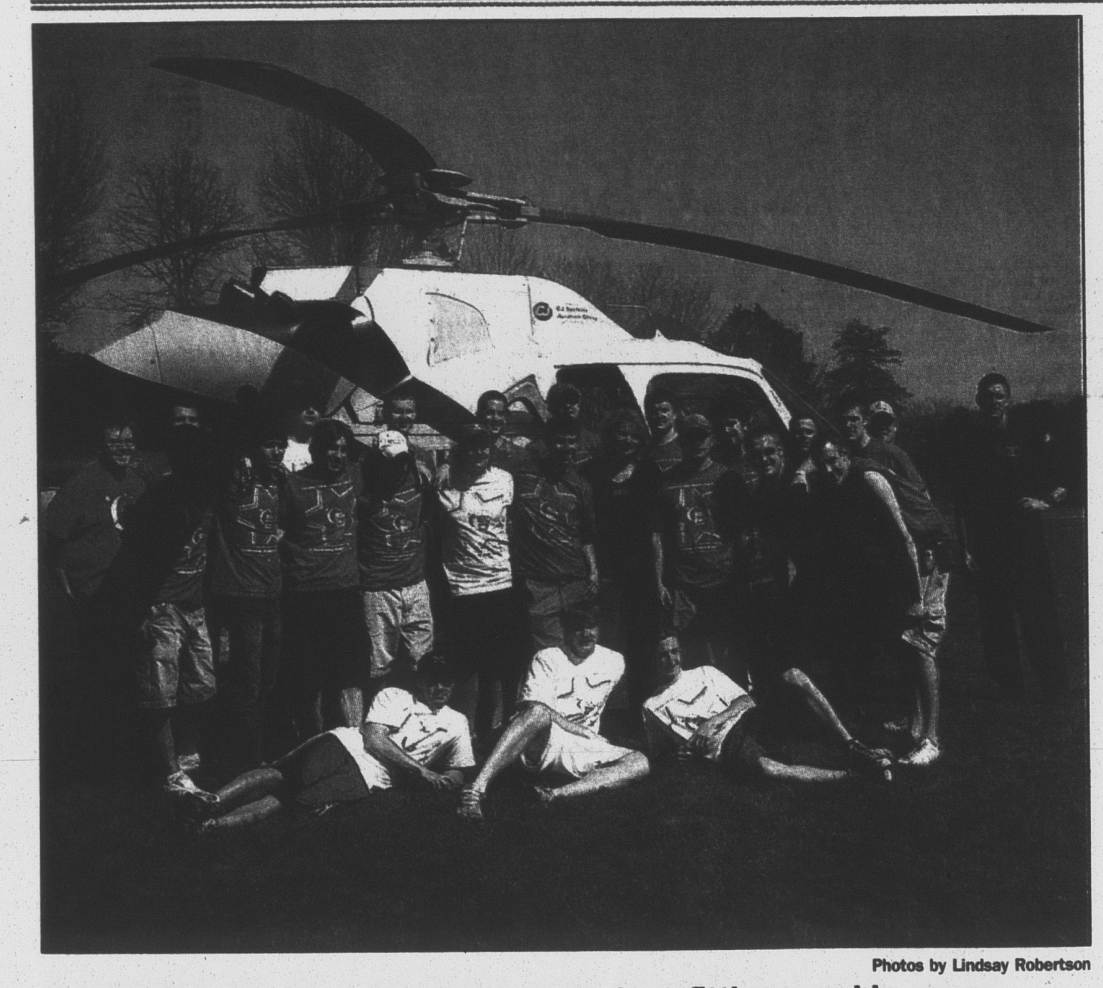
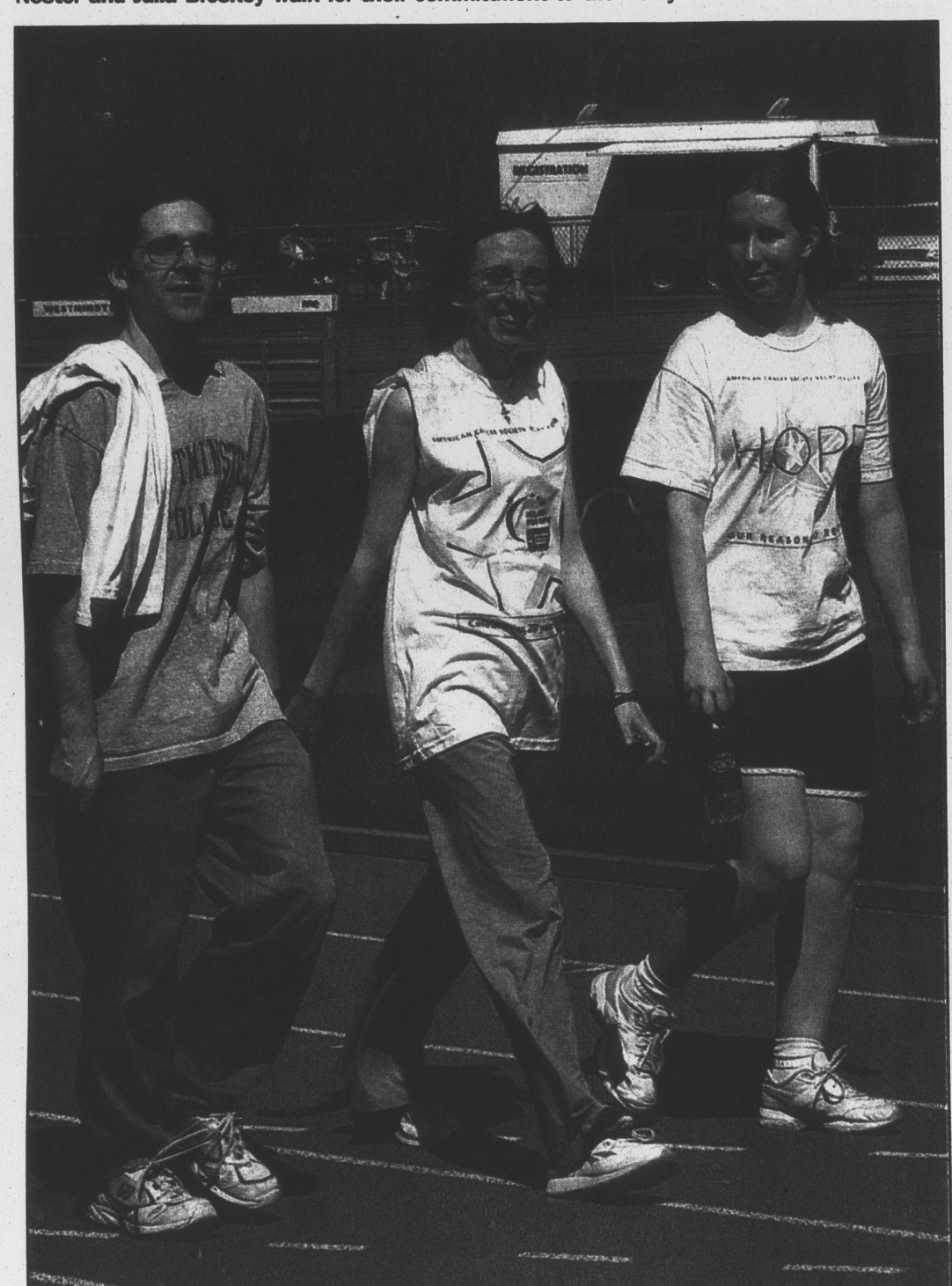


Photos by Lindsay Robertson

A beautiful day for a wonderful event benefitting a noble cause

Above: Brothers of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity pose with the crew of the Medevac helicopter and the representative from the American Cancer Society. Below: Bryan Peck, Kim Nester and Julia Broskey walk for their committment to the Relay for Life.



Scrawling the world

Student-produced literary magazine released to campus

By Joselyn Parker
Campus Writer

Springtime means different things to different people, but for those on the Scrawl staff, it represents a time the release for another edition of its campus famous magazine.

Scrawl is a student-produced literary magazine that publishes students' literature, poetry and art work.

It has been a part of the campus for many years.

"I don't know how far the magazine goes back, but we have copies dated back to the 50's in the office," senior assistant editor Jarrod Takah said.

Students are able to display their artistic talents in two areas: creative writing and art work. For the art portion of the magazine, pieces are submitted to an editor and the work is displayed during the Scrawl art show. The entire campus community has an opportunity to come and see the art work and vote on their favorite pieces. The top 10 to 12 pieces are used in the final edition of the magazine.

"Kate Sweeny, Serah Stauffer and I started the art show last year and we hope that it becomes an annual thing to help the staff select which art work goes in the book," Takah said

For the literature/poetry part, students also submit their creative writings to an editor who, along with the entire Scrawl staff, selects which will be apart of the final book.

The magazine has had its share of diversity. Works range from poetry to short stories and skits.

There is no pre-requisite for submitting to Scrawl other than being involved with the campus community. In the past, it has included work from faculty and staff members and students ranging from freshman to LLP status.

The Scrawl itself is published once a year, however, a mini-Scrawl appears in the Holcad at the end of the fall semester to familiarize the campus with its endeavor.

"I enjoy reading the Scrawl magazine, I enjoy writing and I find it amazing to read the works of other students on campus," sophomore Katherine Roycroft said. "The best part about the whole thong is that it's free."

The sole purpose of the magazine is to expose the artistic talent among the 1,600 students and staff on campus. It is a very successful magazine which is nationally affiliated with the American Scholastic Press Association. The ASPA, which is located in New York, has an annual contest of which the Scrawl is a part. It compares the magazine with magazines and publications from other schools in the country.

"Sometimes it can be tough to measure Scrawl's success because it garners no financial rewards," Takah said. "However I think that I speak for all artist and staff when I say that it's a wonderful opportunity to be heard."

The 2005 Scrawl has already been released and is available by contacting an editor or at various campus offices.

If any student is interested in being involved in Scrawl for next year, contact Dr.David Swerdlow, head of the Scrawl staff, ext. 7345

Canoe-A-Thon floats to sink AIDS

By Rachel Brown
Campus Writer

The sun was beaming down Sunday April 17 as Alpha Phi Omega held their annual Canoe-A-Thon at Lake Brittain and Anderson Amphitheater to help raise money to benefit the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force.

Around 30 students gave a $3 donation for a full day of activities including canoe races, kite flying, music, prizes, and free pizza.

Junior Kristen Sargent, president of Alpha Phi Omega, was pleased with the turnout.

"Each year we hold the Canoe-A-Thon, more and more people become aware of it," Sargent said. "It's really become a successful service project for us," she added.

The event was originally scheduled for April 3, but had to be rescheduled due to rain. Fortunately, the rescheduling didn't affect the events that were planned for the day.

"I was worried that the change in dates would cause some conflicts with the activities that we had planned," senior Aaron Dugan, committee chair, said. "We still managed to schedule the activities and the speaker from the task force."

This year a speaker from the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force came to share their experience working with AIDS in the area.

Students took turns racing canoes across the lake all afternoon, whether they were out for the win or just having fun.

"You could tell everybody had a great time trying to make it across the lake, whether they knew how to row a canoe or not," sophomore Ashley Campolongo said. "It was a fun way to raise money and awareness for the cause."

Alpha Phi Omega is recognized as a national coed, service fraternity. In addition to the Canoe-A-Thon, the fraternity organizes several other annual service projects including ushering for theater events, Quad-A-Thon, and various programs at the Shenango Home. Each service project supports a different cause.

In addition to the annual projects members must complete a required 12 hours of community service each semester.

"Our aim is to create characteristics of leadership and service in our members through the activities we organize," Sargent said.

Sigma Nu prepares for kickball tournament

By Cody Buzard
Campus Writer

The brothers of Sigma Nu will be hosting the second "Kickin it' with Sig Nu" on Sunday, April 24.

The idea of "'Kickin it' with Sig Nu" was brought about at a leadership program for all chapters of Sigma Nu in Lexington, VA. The chapter wanted to clean up their image and chose to bring this event to campus as an event to raise money for their philanthropy, the Mario Lemieux Foundation.

Last year, the brothers were not expecting the turnout they received, and were very impressed and hope to have an even better turnout this year

"Last year, we raised over $1,000 for the Mario Lemieux Foundation and had over 160 participants for our kickball tournament," Anthony Griffith, philanthropy chair, said. "This year, we are hoping for about thirty teams, 300 participants, and would like to give the MLF at least double of what we gave them last year."

This event will be held on the practice football field. Giant Eagle will provide free food and a DJ will be present at the event.

The foundation was founded in 1993 by hockey legend Mario Lemieux. Lemieux was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease.

Pre-dental Society to unite, organize, guide, students interested in dentistry

By Nick Adams
Campus Writer

Students wanting to drill into the dental medical field will soon have an opportunity to broaden their 'molars' of wisdom.

Westminster students Ben Barbetta and Joe Thomas are forming a pre-dental club.

"Ben and I decided to start this group to help give some organization to the small number of pre-dental students that are on campus," said Thomas.

Membership is open to anyone that has an interest in attending dental school, or dental medicine in general.

Dues are going to just be a nominal fee that still has to be decided.

The organization will be a formal group that can organize activities on and off campus, including speakers and trips to local dental schools.

"We hope to have our first meeting before the end of the year to discuss our by-laws, and plan some of our activities for the next academic year," said Barbetta.

Some of these activities are going to be possible because of the funding we received from SGA.

Both Barbetta and Thomas are excited and optimistic about their chances to help out the campus community.

"We both think as an organization we can be an effective group that all the current and future pre-dental students of Westminster can benefit from," Barbetta said.

The campus community and students echoed this excitement.

"I'm interested to see what the group and club is all about," said senior Chemistry major Justin Martinchek. "Hopefully this can benefit those interested in the medical profession and help them aspire to achieve their goals."

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Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 51	High 44	High 48	High 56	High 60	High 54	High 53
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Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	6:30 a.m.	8:10 p.m.
Sunday	6:29 a.m.	8:11 p.m.
Monday	6:27 a.m.	8:12 p.m.
Tuesday	6:26 a.m.	8:13 p.m.
Wednesday	6:24 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Saturday	7:41 p.m.	6:04 a.m.
Sunday	8:53 p.m.	6:28 a.m.
Monday	10:09 p.m.	6:56 a.m.
Tuesday	11:25 p.m.	7:31 a.m.
Wednesday	none	8:16 a.m.

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Butler, PA	54 34 r	44 30 r	48 33 sh	56 39 r	60 34 c
Cambridge, OH	51 30 r	45 33 sh	54 36 sh	59 40 r	62 35 c
Canton, OH	49 29 r	44 32 sn	52 35 sh	57 39 r	60 34 c
Cincinnati, OH	49 26 sh	47 37 pc	59 43 pc	61 41 r	62 38 r
Clarion, PA	54 30 r	42 30 sn	47 33 sh	53 37 r	57 32 sh
Clarksburg, WV	59 32 sh	47 32 sh	53 37 sh	61 42 r	63 33 r
Cleveland, OH	44 32 r	43 34 sn	49 36 sh	56 40 r	60 35 pc
Columbus, OH	49 29 r	47 36 sh	55 40 pc	60 42 r	62 36 r
Cumberland, MD	61 33 r	47 31 sh	51 37 sh	58 41 r	61 35 sh
Erie, PA	49 34 r	46 34 r	49 38 sh	56 42 r	56 42 c
Franklin, PA	53 29 r	43 29 sn	48 32 sh	53 37 r	58 32 c
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Indiana, PA	57 32 r	45 36 r	49 37 sh	59 43 r	64 35 r
Jamestown, NY	52 30 r	40 30 sn	45 32 sh	50 37 r	55 33 c
Kittanning, PA	56 34 r	45 34 r	49 36 sh	58 42 r	62 35 sh
Lisbon, OH	50 28 r	44 33 sn	51 35 sh	57 39 r	60 33 c
Mansfield, OH	45 28 r	43 31 sh	52 34 pc	56 39 r	58 32 c
Marietta, OH	55 30 sh	47 34 sh	57 39 sh	61 44 r	62 36 sh
McKeesport, PA	57 34 sh	45 33 r	51 37 sh	58 41 r	61 35 c
Meadville, PA	49 32 r	42 31 sn	46 34 sh	53 38 r	57 32 c
Morgantown, WV	56 35 sh	46 32 r	50 38 sh	59 43 r	62 36 sh
New Castle, PA	52 31 r	44 32 r	49 34 sh	57 39 r	60 33 c
Oil City, PA	54 31 r	43 30 sn	48 33 sh	54 38 r	59 31 c
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Sharon, PA	49 30 r	43 32 sn	48 34 sh	56 38 r	59 32 c
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Wooster, OH	46 27 r	43 33 sn	51 37 sh	56 37 r	59 32 c
Zanesville, OH	51 30 r	45 33 sh	54 37 sh	59 40 r	62 35 r

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Fire the cannons!

Strong pitching efforts lead to doubleheader wins over Hiram College

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The softballers added two more wins to their record this week, as they pulled double duty against visiting Hiram College. The Titans showed off their skills in winning fashion as they defeated Hiram in both games to 2-1 and 4-2. These wins bring the Titans record up to 20-6 and 1-3 in PAC play on the year.

The star of game one was sophomore Jennifer Pancak,e who threw a complete game, with only one run in the process. This dominating win improves her record to 14-3 on the season. Pancake was not only key on the mound but also at the plate as she chipped in with an RBI double.

The Titan bats seemed to be held in check for the greater portion of the game, until senior Heidi Kimmel roped an RBI double in the bottom of the seventh to score freshman Maria Joseph for the game winner.

Hiram proved to be a formidable opponent as they hung with the Titans late into the second game of the series. The score was knotted up at 2-2 when the Titans knocked in two runs during the bottom of the sixth to seal away the victory.

Junior Kat Parfitt started on the mound for the second. She pitched a strong five innings of work, only allowing two runs. Pancake came back for game two to help in the relief effort. She once again had a magnificent performance as she only gave up a single hit in the final two innings.

When it came to the plate, it was tandem of junior infielders that led the way for the Titans, as third baseman Karia Nilsen and second baseman Abby Mazar both went two for three.

The ladies are back to it as they face PAC foe Thiel College next.

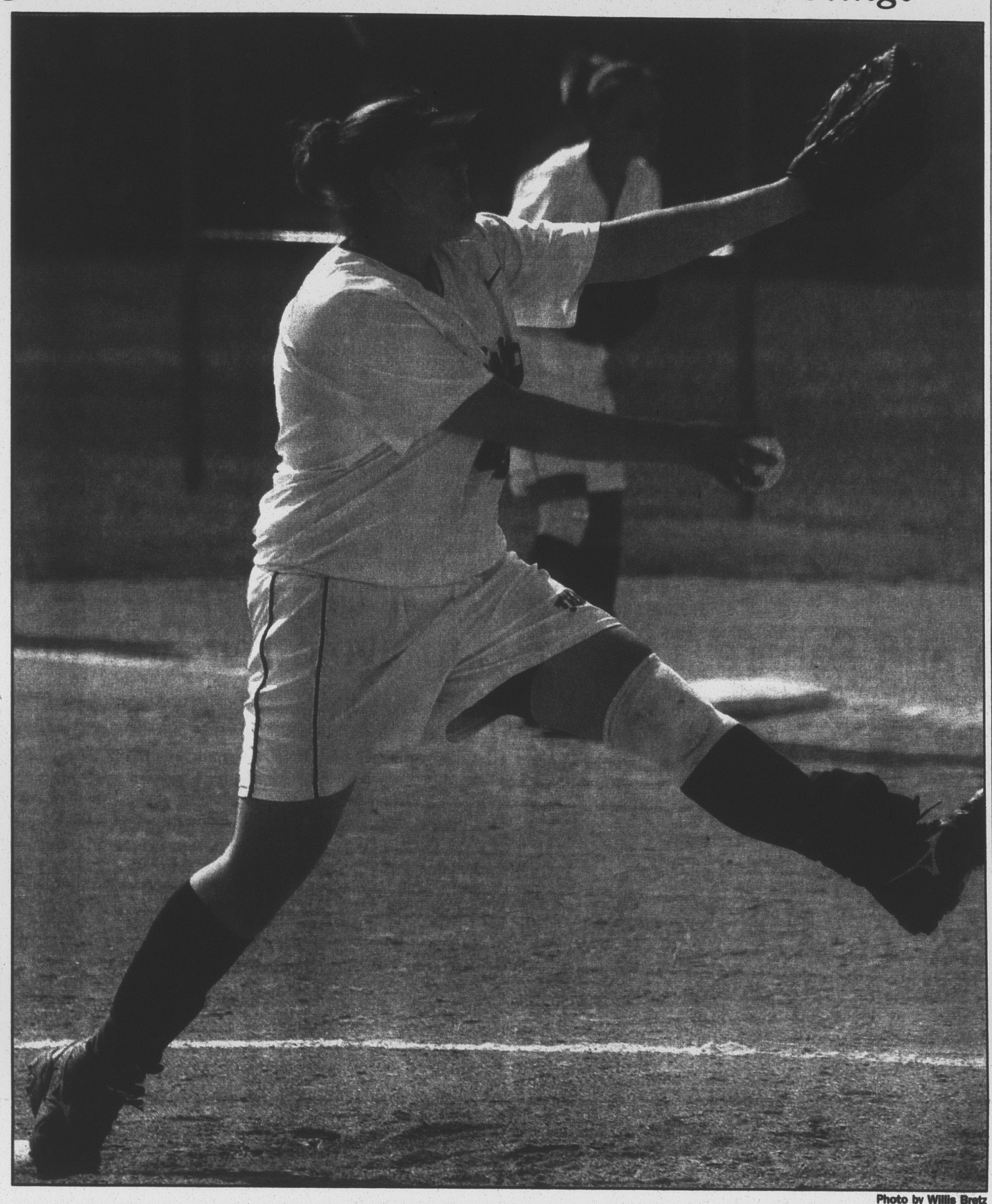


Photo by Willis Bretz

Pitcher Jennifer Pancake delt out six strike-outs during the doubleheader played against Hiram on April 18. The Lady Titans defeated Hiram in both games 2-1 and 4-2.

Sports Shorts

Baseball

The baseball team dropped to 16-7 on the season today in Meadville, as the Titan diamondmen dropped a 6-5 non-conference decision to Allegheny College.

Allegheny scored single runs in the first, second and fourth innings for a 3-0 lead, only to see Westminster knot the score at 3-3 in thetop of the fifth. The Gators regained command with three runs for a 6-3 advantage in the bottom of the sixth.

The Titans plated a pair of runners in the seventh to cut the lead to 6-5, but would get no closer. The key play came in the eighth inning when, after Westminster posted a two-out single with runners on first and second, Allegheny threw out the potential game-tying run at the plate to end the scoring threat and the inning.

Junior Brenton Gilmore started the game and took the loss for the Titans, falling to 4-2 after giving up six runs (three earned) on seven hits with one walk and six strikeouts in five innings. Freshman Craig Hannon pitched a hitless final three frames, posting one walk and one strikeout.

At the plate, senior DH Brad Hochendoner led Westminster by going 3-for-3, including a three-run home run (his second round tripper of the season) in the fifth inning. Freshman infielder Colby Beeson was 2-for-3 with two runs scored, while junior infielder Mark Francazio was 2-for-4 in the loss.

Westminster baseball returned to action on April 21 as the Titans traveled for a non-conference game at Hiram College.

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team dropped to 5-10 on the season on Sunday as the Titan netters suffered a 7-2 non-conference loss against visiting John Carroll University to close the 2005 regular season dual match schedule. JCU swept all three doubles matches and won four of six singles contests.

For Westminster, posting wins were senior Dave Molitor at #2 singles and junior Ben Libert at #3 singles.

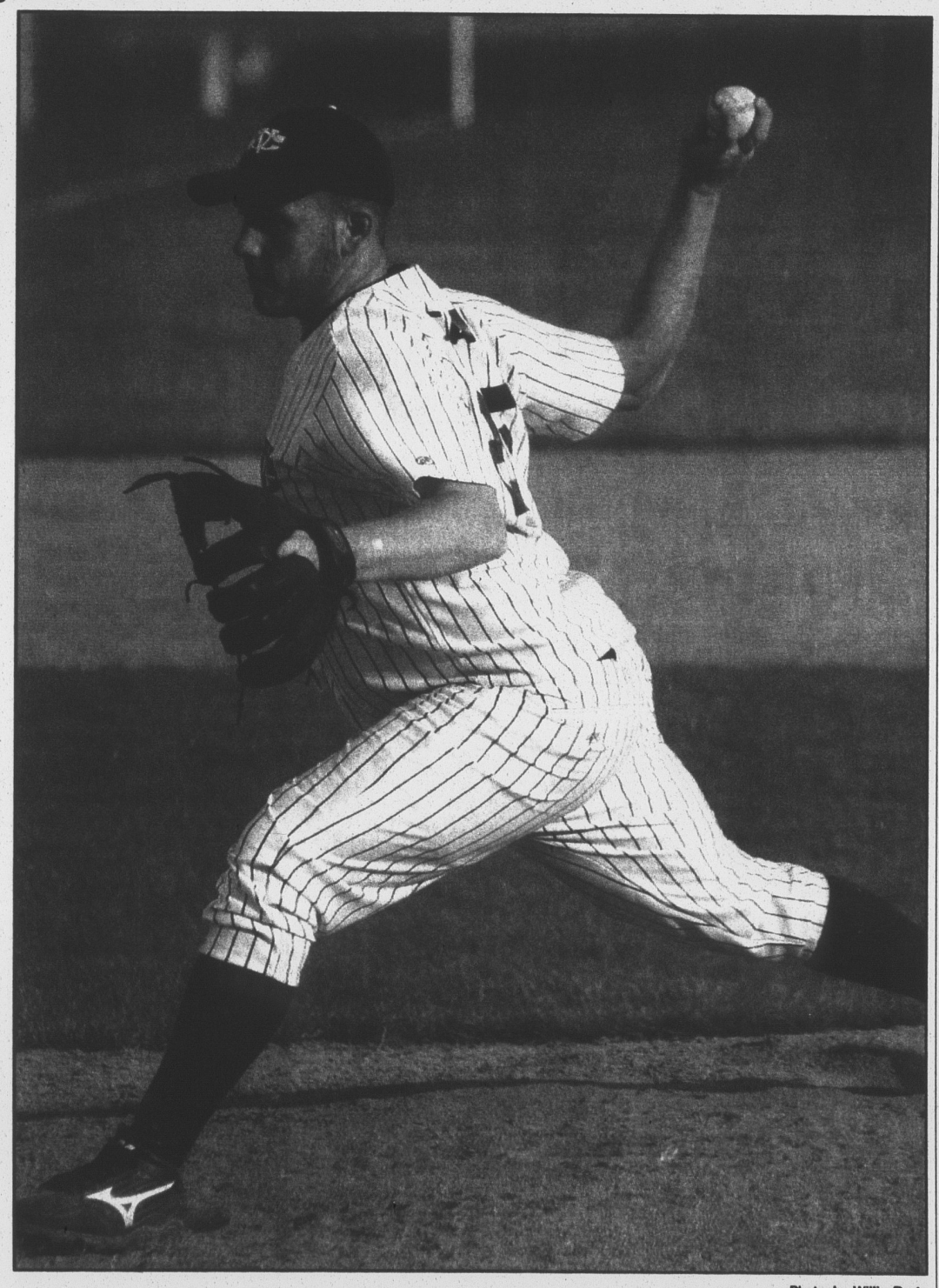
Westminster returns to the courts this weekend as the Titan netters close the 2005 season at the PAC Championships at the Pennbriar Fitness & Racquet Club in Erie.

Golf

The women's golf team hosted the 4th Annual Mary Louise Cleland Eckles Invitational at New Castle Country Club on Monday.

Westminster finished in sixth place in an eight-team field with a four-player score of 419, behind team champion Gannon (347), Malone (353), Mercyhurst (359), St. Vincent (391), and Washington & Jefferson (408) and ahead of Thiel (446) and Grove City (484).

For the Lady Titans, leading the way was freshman Danielle Adams with a team-best 101, followed by junior Kayla Pursifull and sophomore Kelly Spisak each with 102. Other Westminster scorers included senior Megan Welty with 114 and sophomore Jennifer Ramsey with 118.



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It's closing time...

Sophomore Mike O'Leary came in as the Titans' closer to bring the game against St. Vincent to an end. The Titans lost the high-scoring game 20-9 on April 18.

Tom Heath
Sports Editor

Who will be #1?

This Saturday, the 2005 NFL season will unofficially begin.

No games will be played, but the 32 teams in the league will be drafting and signing new players.

As the NFL draft draws closer, the real question is who will be number one.

The draft is sometimes predictable and other times it is a complete mystery. I think this might be one of those mystery years.

All pervious tendencies of the first through the third picks are tossed out the window.

San Francisco, Miami and Cleveland, who all have new coaches, have first choice. With new coaches, the game plans and strategy are all uncertain in the eye of the fan.

New Cleveland Browns head coach, Romeo Crennel, put it best: "The goal is to make the team better, not necessarily just one area of it, and so that means taking the best player who fits into what you're going to do".

I'm sure this is the same game plan for Nick Saban of the Miami Dolphins and Mike Nolan of the 49ers. In 2004, these three teams combined for a grand total of 10 wins.

All three of these men realize that they were not hired to continue a winning tradition, but to hopefully turn around franchises in decline.

The draft however, for most teams, can defiantly be a great turn around point by bringing in fresh and young talent.

But as we all know, Rome was also not built in a day.

"This isn't going to be rebuilt overnight," Cleveland personnel director Bill Rees acknowledged in interviews. "We know we're going to have to have a few more drafts."

All of these variables coming into play, there is a question that still remains; who will be the first three picks of the 2005 NFL Draft?

Don't take my word for it, but I have a feeling about who will be the chosen.

San Fran will take Aaron Rodgers (QB Cal), Miami will take Ronnie Brown (RB Auburn) and Cleveland will select Alex Smith (QB Utah).

I feel the first two players are quality picks, however I don't necessarily agree with the third pick.

Alex Smith would have an impact on offense without a doubt, but on the grand scheme of things, I feel that an offensive lineman would be a better fit for Cleveland.

Football starts and ends with the offensive and defensive lines.

You can't do anything without either one of the two. I think Cleveland would be wise if they picked Alex Barron (OT Florida St.) before any type of skill position player.

I can't forget about the Steelers. They really were a complete team in almost every area of their game.

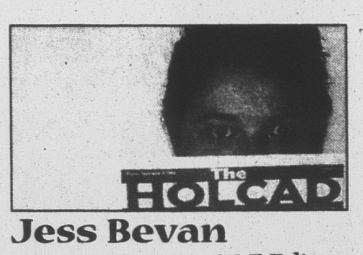
The one position that they lacked consistent play was in the defensive secondary; especially at cornerback.

Look for the Steelers to select either Marlin Jackson (CB Michigan), who happens to be from Sharon, or Brandon Browner (CB Oregon St.).

Tom is a junior Political Science Major from Erie, Pa. He is member of the football team, College Republicans and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

Arts & Entertainment

Distractions from the real world



Jess Bevan
A&E Editor

I think it was just this past Tuesday that it really hit me that I have approximately three weeks left of my stay in Amish Country. Three weeks, and I'm a grown up.

Awesome. Or not...

Instead of dwelling on the impending doom of adulthood, I turned my thoughts to two of the things that always brighten those summer months: concerts and movies.

Despite complaints from my poor wallet, I attempt to go to as many concerts as I can during the summer.

I'm tight with the fine folks down at the Post-Gazette Pavilion, that's for sure.

I'll definitely be at Warped Tour this year, although I am seriously considering making a trek east to Philly in order to catch one of the few dates Something Corporate is on the bill (I heart them. Lots. I've already adventured to Columbus to see them.).

Whether you catch the tour in Cleveland, Pittsburgh, or upstate New York, the east coast line up looks very promising if that genre of music is your cup of tea.

Also on my agenda - the sweet sounds of Chicago, who is on tour with the boys of Earth Wind and Fire. Yea, you read right (I blame my interest in these two bands on my tour of duty in high school marching band.).

Plus, I love going to concerts where I'm one of the younger people in the audience. It's good fun.

My summer must-see (and has been for the past five years or so) is the Clarks show at the Station Square Amphitheater in Pittsburgh.

As for the movies, there are five that I'm very much looking forward to seeing.

First is Ridley Scott's Kingdom of Heaven, which opens in two weeks from now.

I'll give anything directed by the man behind Gladiator a chance and I'm rather curious to see how Orlando Bloom fairs in his first major leading role.

For those of you living under a rock (or inside the bubble, as the case may be), Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith opens on May 19.

This gives you plenty of time to rent the other five movies for a quick review session.

I'm by no means a Star Wars fanatic, but like most people, I'm really very curious as to how the transition from Anakin to Darth breaks down.

Perhaps the movie I'm most looking forward to is Batman Begins (June 17).

I'll be the first to admit that Batman Forever was obnoxious, unnecessary, and a major mistake for the great Uma Thurman.

However, I have faith that Christian Bale will do us proud in resurrecting the Dark Knight.

If anything, Michael Caine as Alfred the butler could be worth the ticket price.

The last two movies that appear promising both debut in July and are both reincarnations of classics - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and The Bad News Bears.

Between Tim Burton's brilliant visual style and Johnny Depp's general awesomeness, Charlie looks pretty promising. Plus, this time they actually followed the Roald Dahl book.

And I'm just plain curious about The Bad News Bears remake.

Billy Bob Thorton is taking the helm as Buttermaker, a role originally done to near perfection by the late Walter Matthau.

Billy Bob isn't my favorite actor, but I really think he can do this part justice.

Besides, you can't pass up a group of foul-mouthed little kids.

I imagine all of this would be dependent on my, oh, getting a job and having money. Hmm. I should get on that instead of writing crazy columns.

Eh, I'll just go watch a movie and take a nap.

Jess is a senior, double majoring in English and public relations. She's also a layout editor for this fine publication. She is so itchy for a good concert, she has a road trip planned for three days after graduation.

Lyrical quotations come with merit

By Jarrod Takah
Opinionated Sports Writer

Arguably, last week, one of the most interesting comments made in my column were not my words.

Following my rant, in which I sought to provide some advice for seniors, who are speeding toward graduation day, my astute editor offered a witty bio. The bio read, loosely translated, that I'd be a heckuva lot more insightful if I didn't rip my wisdom off of Dave Matthews or Jack Johnson.

The bio got me thinking (It may be the only thoughtful thing Megan's ever inspired) about the state of the music industry.

Quite simply, I rip off Dave Matthews and Jack Johnson because I find some merit in their music.

Each artist melds a variety of genres—rock, reggae, blues, folk—to comment on the state of the world.

Maybe it's my English background, but I'm drawn to work that examines the world without commenting on crunk juice or four four's. For me, Dave Matthews and Jack Johnson are pertinent because they're literate and insightful.

Norman Mailer has remarked that the plight of America resides in the fact that the youth of this country respects Justin Timberlake more than Ernest Hemingway.

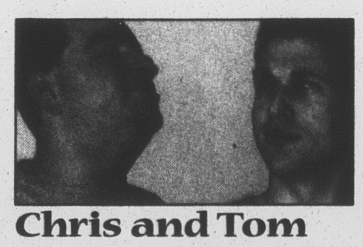
Dave Matthews sings a lot about war; Jack Johnson sings a lot about political apathy. Concern and inflection exist in thier voices. Theirs are voices to be heard.

Bob Dylan, John Lennon and Jim Morrison sought to change the world, but their work is not done. Folk music, in whatever shape it assumes, writes American history. It's the stage built by the dreamers of the 1960s.

Jack Johnson validates his music's pertinence in the following lyrics, which can be heard in his song "Bubble Toes": "If you would only listen, you might realize what you're missing."

Believe it or not because I was surprised too but there is a world beyond Enimen's 8-mile or Britney's bedroom.

Fever Pitch and Sahara: Two ways to avoid the heat and homework



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

What Worked: McConaughey and Zahn. Like the best married couple ever filmed, these two work perfectly together. The chemistry is easily some of the most entertaining seen between men in an action film, even coming close to Chewy and Han.

Jimmy Fallon has never been known to be a great actor considering his last starring role was in Taxi, the awful Queen Latifah movie, not the TV show.

However, in the recently released Fever Pitch, Fallon turns in a performance that no one had to have seen coming.

He stars as Ben, an obsessed Boston Red Sox fan, whose obsession has prevented previous romantic relationships. Drew Barrymore stars as Lindsay Meeks, an extremely successful career woman, who is desperately working for a promotion.

These two people meet in October and begin a romance, which seems to work perfectly.

However, problems arise once the opening of baseball season approaches and Lindsay discovers the level of Ben's obsession. Lindsay reasons all is well because she will be equally busy working towards her promotion.

While this situation seems to work at first, the give and take becomes too much when Ben feels like he's giving up something that he can never have back.

The chemistry between Barrymore and Fallon works so extremely well it's almost startling. These people just seem to fit perfectly with one another. They look right for each other and fit right with each other.

Both turn in completely believable performances with Barrymore hitting all the right notes, and Fallon perfectly displaying the obsession, which controls so many in the sports world.

This relationship works so well because these act exactly how a real couple acts in every little fight and makeup.

The strong supporting cast, which may not be in a lot of scenes, but still shines when needed, also helps the movie along.

An even bigger surprise than Fallon is that this excellent film is directed by the Farrelly Brothers.

Who would have known that the creators of Dumb and Dumber and There's Something About Mary would make a romantic comedy that can be compared to When Harry Met Sally.

Clearly, these two brothers are becoming mature filmmakers, so who knows; maybe an Oscar is in their future?

We know the weather is gorgeous but please go see Fever Pitch, because it is definitely worth stepping out of the heat. This film wins the World Series and gets an A.

What people were going to see instead is the Clive Cussler adaptation Sahara.

This film centers on Matthew McConaughey as Dirk Pitt, an ex-marine adventurer who is in search of a lost battleship from the Civil War.

With the aid of his life long friend Al Giordino (Steve Zahn), Pitt joins a search group that finds lost treasure. When a clue arrives that the ship may be near, Pitt and Al set off to find the missing boat and its bounty.

Meanwhile, Eva Rojas (Penelope Cruz) is working for the World Health Organization to find the cause of a deadly plague that is sweeping through Africa.

When the two searches meet up, they realize there may be a connection that could be to solution to all their problems.

That's the gist of the film. There's little point in keeping the happy ending from you since everything about the marketing for the film has made that obvious.

In fact, there's little point discussing the film at all by breaking down its parts. Perhaps it is best to dissect this film based on what worked and what bombed entirely.

What Worked: McConaughey and Zahn. Like the best married couple ever filmed, these two work perfectly together.

Each play off the other and take turns being the straight man to the other one's goof ball. The chemistry is easily some of the most entertaining seen between men in an action film, even coming close to Chewy and Han.

Also successful is the opening titles. Panning across Dirk's office, the camera captures pieces of past adventures and plans for the future.

So much is learned in these moments that most of the exposition in the film is wasted because the audience should already know it.

What kills Sahara: Penolope Cruz. She is awful. Her acting, her dialogue, her looks, her everything is as bad as it can be in this movie.

Nothing about her does anything but bring down the story and force prayers about a stray bullet ripping through her character.

Also destroying the film is the continuity and clarity. So much is not explained in the film and what is explained is so confusing it's obvious the screenwriter himself didn't have a good explanation (We still don't know what an iron ship was doing in Africa).

Oh yea, Penelope Cruz was bad.

For a matinee on one of these (hopefully!) hot upcoming days, Sahara might be worth your six bucks.

That is, unless, you have a thing for seeing McConaughey tan, naked, and ripped, then you should be happy with whatever price you pay.

But since the bad definitely outweighs the good, Sahara is a C adventure.

Chris is a fifth-year physics major, who stuck around for an extra year just for the film studies minor. Tom is a senior sociology major and a film studies minor.

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Calendar

April 22, 2005
EARTH DAY
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM SGA Day — MCC Patio (Rain Location: Orr Canopy)
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Beta Beta Beta Plant Sale — MCC TUB
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Zeta Tau Alpha Big Man on Campus — TUB Info Table
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Greek God and Goddess Voting and Greek Penny War — MCC TUB
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Coach Carter — MCC Mueller Theater
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Titan's Tavern — MCC Club/Lounge
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Phantom of the Opera — MCC Mueller Theater

April 23, 2005
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Ultimate Frisbee Tournament — Practice Soccer Fields
6:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Phantom of the Opera — MCC Mueller Theater
8:00 PM Sing 'n' Swing — Orr Auditorium
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Coach Carter — MCC Mueller Theater

April 24, 2005
8:00 AM - 9:45 AM Registration for Earth Day 5K Race — Memorial Field House
10:00 AM Sierra Club Coalition Earth Day 5K Race — Track
12:00 PM Kickin' It with Sigma Nu (Kickball Tournament)
2:00 PM Chapel Drama: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat — Wallace Memorial Chapel
3:00 PM Wind Ensemble Chamber Recital — Orr Auditorium
3:00 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller: Coach Carter — MCC Mueller Theater
7:00 PM Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM Chapel Drama: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat — Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Phantom of the Opera — MCC Mueller Theater

April 25, 2005
11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM Broadcast Communications Festival: Live Titan Radio Remote and Time Capsule Signing — TUB
5:15 PM Political Science Seminar: Careers in Intelligence — MCC Berlin Student Lounge
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Recertification Classes for Adult CPR (Pre-registration required, ext. 7315) — Field House Classrooms
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Tibetan Monks Performance Program: Ritual and Folk Dance and Chanting — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:00 PM Circle K Meeting — Patterson 231
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

April 26, 2005
7:30 PM Steinway Piano Artist Recital: Carolina Oltmans — Orr Auditorium
9:00 PM Newman Club — MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:00 PM CPU Meeting — MCC 255
9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

April 27, 2005
Deadline for Reserving Seedlings for Earth Day Planting Celebration (Contact Dr. Clarence Harms)
6:00 PM Senior Art Show and Artists' Presentations — Art Gallery in Patterson
7:00 PM SGA Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater
8:00 PM Circle K Meeting — Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
8:30 PM Seekers College Fellowship — MCC Club/Lounge
9:00 PM Allies Meeting — MCC Mueller Theater

April 28, 2005
12:30 PM LEAD Luncheon — MCC Club Room
12:30 PM Biology Lunch Seminar — Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
4:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting — Patterson 113
7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Dancing at Lughnasa — Beeghly Theater
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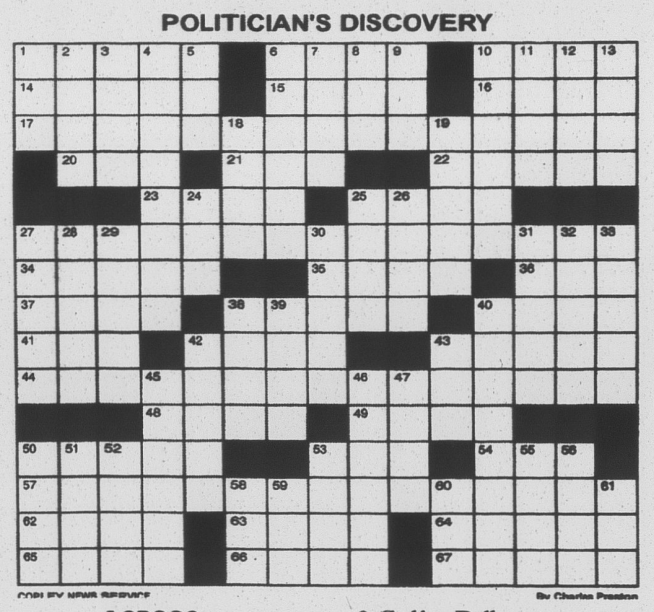

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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Devise a budget or plan that allows you to meet your financial needs. Avoid frivolous or careless spending on luxury or unnecessary items.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Take time to look within and you will discover an effective way to express yourself. Pay attention to your heart and be true to your feelings.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Behind-the-scene activities will contribute to your outward success. Lie low, gather your energy and come out with a bang when the time is right.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Friends are very impressed with some of your creative ideas or suggestions. Take an unpopular or outdated philosophical concept and make it work.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Attend a business meeting for the purpose of exchanging timely and sensitive information with your professional peers. Communicate openly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Use the experience or insights of an expert to help avoid costly mistakes. Meet with a teacher or mentor to discuss your career options.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): A hands-on approach works best when it comes to personal investments. Do your homework and be prepared to make some wise fiscal decisions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): A loved one is likely to catch you off guard with an untimely announcement, message or confession. Remain calm and hear him or her out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Overblown expectations could result in disappointment and frustration. Keep it real and avoid fantasizing or reaching beyond realistic boundaries.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Expand your social circle and make sure it includes a variety of people from different walks of life. Listen and learn a lot from each person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): It is time to get a domestic conflict or problem out in the open to make amends. Eliminate what is weighing heavily on your heart and get back to loving.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): In a state of distraction, important information could be overlooked. Make an extra effort to be more attentive or to become a better listener.

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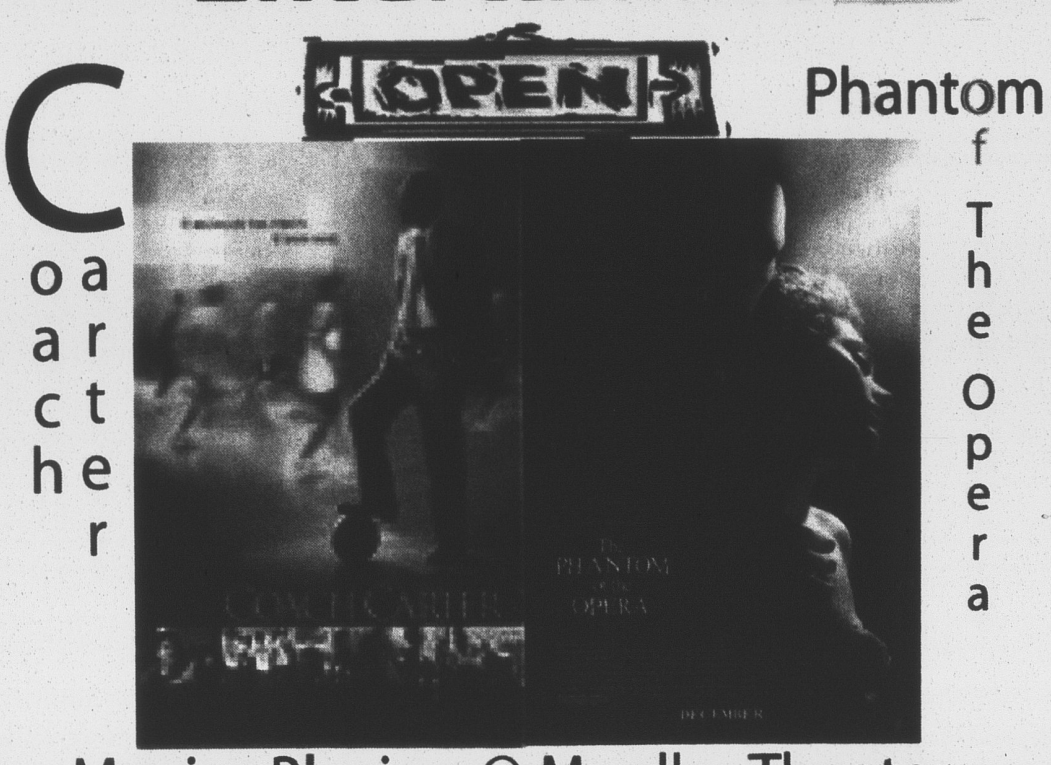

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Apr.23	Sing n Swing
Apr.30	Volley Rock

Features

The Holcad Walk of Shame

Laura Zorch
Feature Editor

It's 9:20 on Thursday morning. While most of the campus is walking to class, Jaime Carter and I are making a trek back from Eich.

We are shamefully walking.

Neither one of us has before participated in the act, and we felt that it was necessary to complete before saying 'adios' to Mother Fair Westminster. (Don't worry folks, especially the fellas, I will still be here next year. You haven't gotten rid of me yet!)

Being new to the sport, Jaime and I weren't certain how to go about this legendary journey from the testosterone side of the river.

Number one, we woke up in our own beds instead of someone else's; so we already failed.

However, we did our best to look as though we had a crazy night the evening before.

Although, I think we just look like we were working the corner, not partying at a frat house. (Note the blue brassiere straps painfully sticking out of my halter top. If that doesn't say classy, I don't know what does!)

But Jaime is carrying the essential "party bag."

Our walk is gloriously documented for you, faithful Holcad readers. Enjoy!

Laura Zorch is a junior public relations and art double major. She is a champion of cookie consuming and donut devouring. Her future aspirations include marrying for money and cat herding.

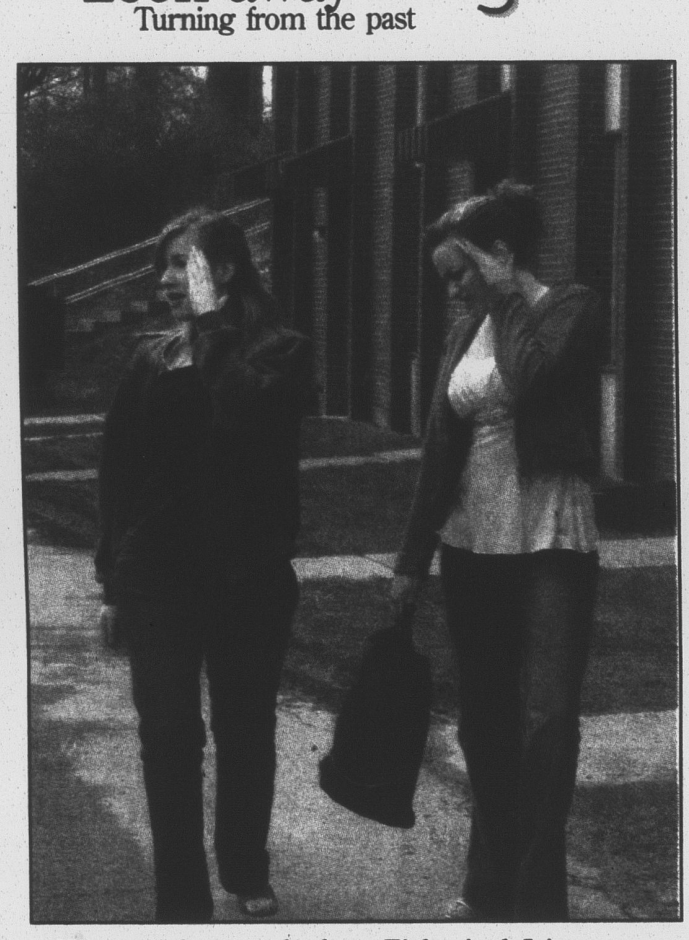
Exiting Eich 1
The great escape

We check to make sure the coast is clear. No signs of priests or grandparents, so we are safe to leave.

Undercover 2
Hiding under hoods

We are like superheroes. Put on our sweatshirt hoods, or as I like to call them, *invisibility cloaks*, and no one can see our shame-ridden selves.

Look away 3
Turning from the past

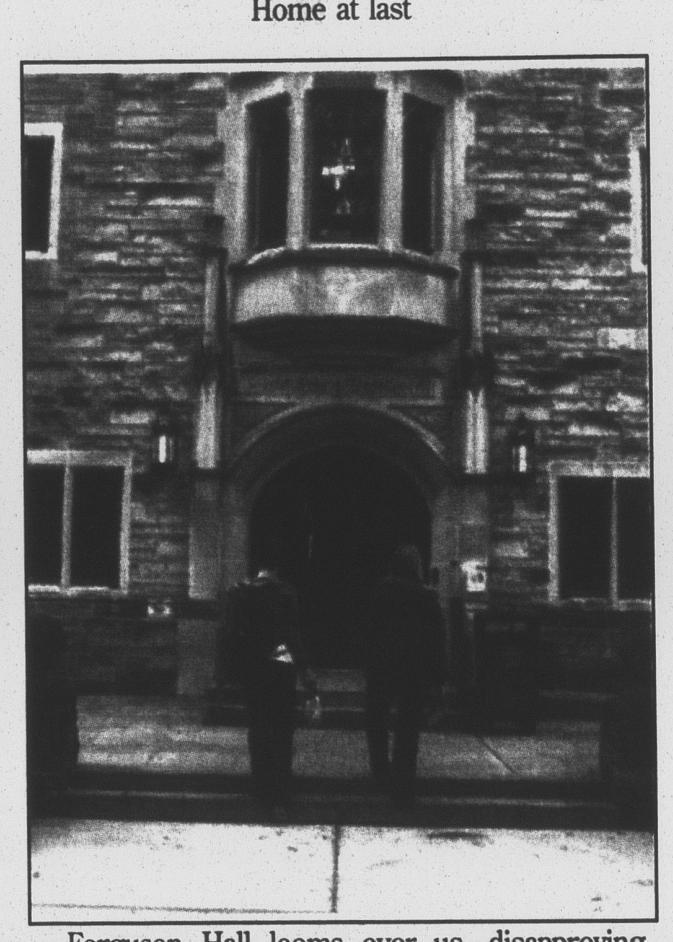


We can't bear to look at Eich. And Jaime seems to have an ice cream headache.

Feet rejuvenation 4
Too much of the stilettos

After wearing heels for an evening, the walk back is far too much for our weary feet. (At this point in our walk, many elderly people in vehicles pass by. That wasn't shameful in the least. Ha!)

Ferg sweet Ferg 5
Home at last



Ferguson Hall looms over us, disapproving our shenanigans. It was a successful trip, with few witnesses, but lots of shame. Maybe next time we can have someone drop us off. Mmm... *drive* of shame...

Politcal Pong

Waste of time? The fillibuster, the Senate and you

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Ladies and gentlemen, the most recent idiotic political trend of the Democratic Party: Filibusters! That's where congressional members who do not like a particular issue (but know they don't have enough members to vote against it) talk on the floor for as long as possible in order to prevent a vote.

This is an old-school strategy, used back in the day by Whigs and Jackson Democrats. But liberals in our time, who can't come up with any new ideas, have brought back this classic to block federal judicial nominees' confirmations.

I realize that this is nothing new in liberal, and to be honest, conservative politics. Both sides have used the filibuster to delay the inevitable. This time, however, I think the jackasses have gone too far.

They are so bitter from this past presidential election, they have so much hatred for George W. Bush, and (obviously) they have so much free time on their hands, they've decided that they need to stall government proceedings for an all-out pout fest.

So far they've blocked 10 judicial nominees, and they plan to do more if the Republicans try to do anything to stop it.

I'm sorry you're not the majority party and you screwed up a supposed "cakewalk" election. Get over it! You were not elected by your constituents to block qualified candidates, whose only "fault" is the desire to exercise judicial restraint.

Every judge shouldn't feel obligated to reinterpret the law so babies can be legally aborted days before birth.

You may be thinking, what's the big deal about filibusters? Why the huge tirade over it? Well you may not realize it, but you too have been a victim of a filibuster.

Have you ever sat in class and listened to someone's presentation that you know is a complete figment of their imagination and has no real value?

Have you ever had that one student in the back, who has no place in college, ask the professor as many idiotic questions as possible before a timed test is distributed? Or have you sat in a fraternity or sorority meeting where one individual will keep advocating why pink is the best color to have on your t-shirts, even though the rest of you have already chosen a non-nauseating hue? If you said yes to any of the above questions, you've been filibustered. And I'm sure you hated every minute of it.

Well imagine being a Senator, or one of the nominees up for confirmation, or the President, and having your very expensive and precious time wasted by petty politicians whose only goal is to get their name in the newspaper (Harry Reid).

Get a life, Democrats. The filibuster is an outdated method that only wastes the taxpayers' money.

I'm all about banning filibusters on federal judicial nominees, which is what the Republicans are proposing now. In fact, I say we ban filibusters altogether so that we can actually confirm or reject leaders and pass or vote down legislation in Washington.

And while we're at it, let's just save us all some grief and get rid of Hillary Clinton.

No? I knew it wouldn't be that easy.

Jessica (aka right-wing nutjob) is a senior political science major. She suffers from an extreme case of senioritis and is probably going straight to hell.

Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

The United States Senate is facing one of its most important decisions of all time.

They are considering the worth of rules in the Senate in would allow a bypass of the filibuster the Democrats have used to block President Bush's judicial nominees.

Many Senators including the well-respected John McCain and other Republicans have said that they are not in favor of revoking the rules for exactly the same reason I am not in favor of it: it is childish.

A filibuster occurs when a party continues debate on an issue in the Senate, not allowing it to come to a vote.

In this case, when Bush's judicial nominees come to the floor, the Democrats keep debating and discussing the nominee so that it can never come to a vote.

The only way to end a filibuster is by a 60 Senator majority, something the Republicans lack.

So in the spirit of our little spoiled boy President, what do the Republicans do?

They want to suspend the rules to bring the candidates up for a vote.

They have the 50 Senator majority to pass the nominees but not the 60 to end the filibuster.

Now my main problem with the so-called "nuclear option" is that the Democrats had to deal with Republican filibusters during the Clinton administration and never once suggested suspending the rules.

This just shows the lengths to which Rove, Cheney, and the radical conservatives in the Bush administration will go to see their gay hating, abortion free, and rich get richer schemes enacted.

The administration's puppet in the Senate, the money swindling Tom Delay (who, by the way, fought tooth and nail against the feeding tube being removed from Terri Schiavo but he himself removed the life-support from his own father) has assured the administration that all steps will be taken to assure that Bush's judicial nominees will be confirmed.

So why does this procedural step matter?

Well the age of Supreme Court justices Rehnquist and O'Connor is such that Bush will probably have the chance to appoint two Supreme Court justices (one of which will be a Chief Justice) to the bench.

The filibuster is insurance that Bush will not put a justice who is unqualified on the bench.

(Unqualified appointments - reference Paul Wolfowitz's appointment to the World Bank)

In the end, the Republicans are so frustrated with the fact that they can not get their radical justices appointed that they are willing to sacrifice over two-hundred years of tradition in the Senate.

Suspending these rules is a slippery slope that will lead to many other rules suspensions in the Senate.

This whole issue shows the philosophy of the Bush administration: We will get what we want regardless of cost to another. Please let your Congressmen and Congresswoman to keep the filibuster, www.peoplefortheamericanway.org.

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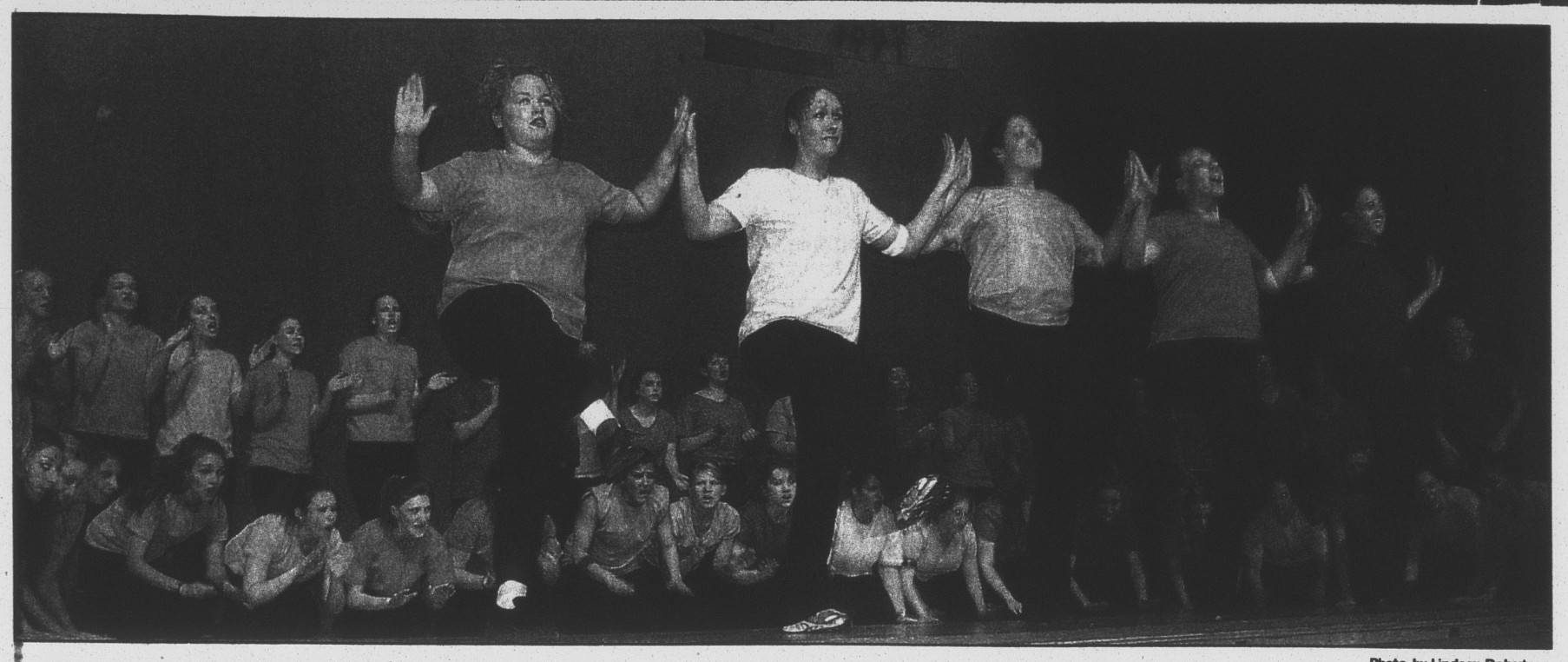

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

Sigma Kappa sorority dances to Missy Elliot's "Pass the Dutch" in honor of the letter "M." They took first place for the sororities.

It's as easy as A-B-C

Sigma Kappa and Theta Chi crowned Sing 'n' Swing champions

By Katie Alcorn
Campus Writer

Orr Auditorium erupted in applause, cheers and general mayhem last Saturday, April 23, when the ten sororities and fraternities took the stage to participate in Sing 'n' Swing.

This year's theme was the alphabet. Each sorority and fraternity was asked to choose a letter of the alphabet and then pick artists whose names corresponded with the letter they had chosen. The result was a large variation in music, ranging from Janet Jackson to Aaliyah to New Kids on the Block.

"My favorite part was taking what is already a very brilliant song like 'Banana Phone' and turning it into a work of art," Phi Kappa Tau brother Pat Dudas said.

Each Greek organization employed unique choreography in their performance, creating a wide range of entertainment as the night progressed. Alpha Sigma Phi, for example, used the ambiance of a bedtime story to explain the significance of the letter L to the audience. Also of interest was Zeta Tau Alpha's theme of music from the 70s, and all of the various props each performance used, including ribbons, cymbals, hats, hearts, and bananas.

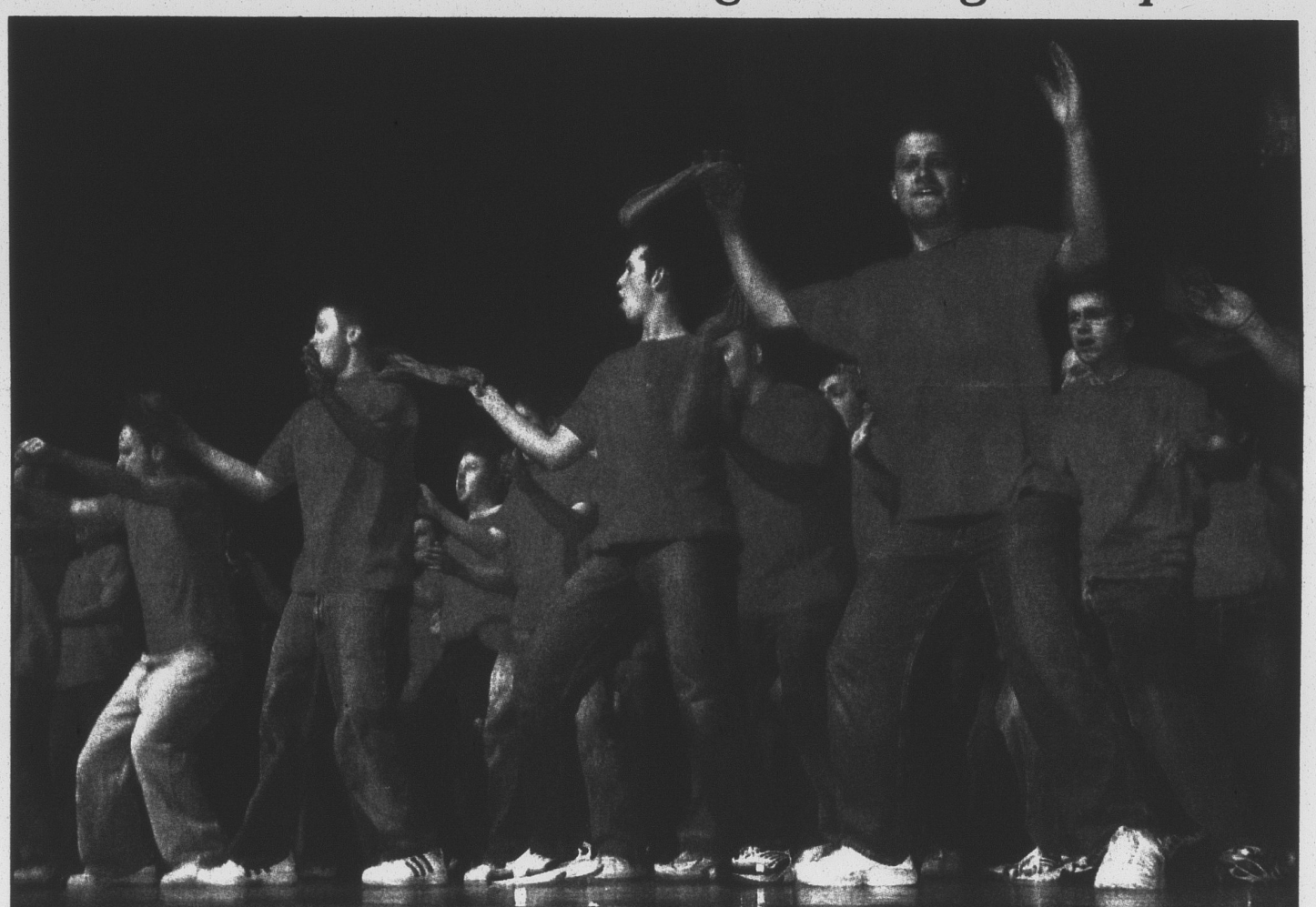

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

The brothers of Theta Chi get down to Destiny's Child, winning the Sing 'n' Swing title for the sixth year in a row.

"It is always a great time to be with your brothers cheering and performing," Sigma Nu brother Tony Griffith said.

"It was evident the fraternities and sororities put a lot of work into it," sophomore Allison Henley said.

Throughout the night awards were given out to the Greek organizations who had won various events during the week, as well as awards like

see **SING 'N SWING**, *page A-4*

Lughnasa: An Irish tale of sisterhood

By Leah Hesch
Campus Writer

For those who missed getting their Irish jig on during St. Patrick's Day, don't worry. This weekend, Dancing At Lughnasa starts at Beeghly Theatre. The cast has been perfecting those rich Irish accents, creating the perfect lilt.

The show starts at 7:30 on Friday and Saturday along with a Sunday matinee. Tickets are free to Westminster students.

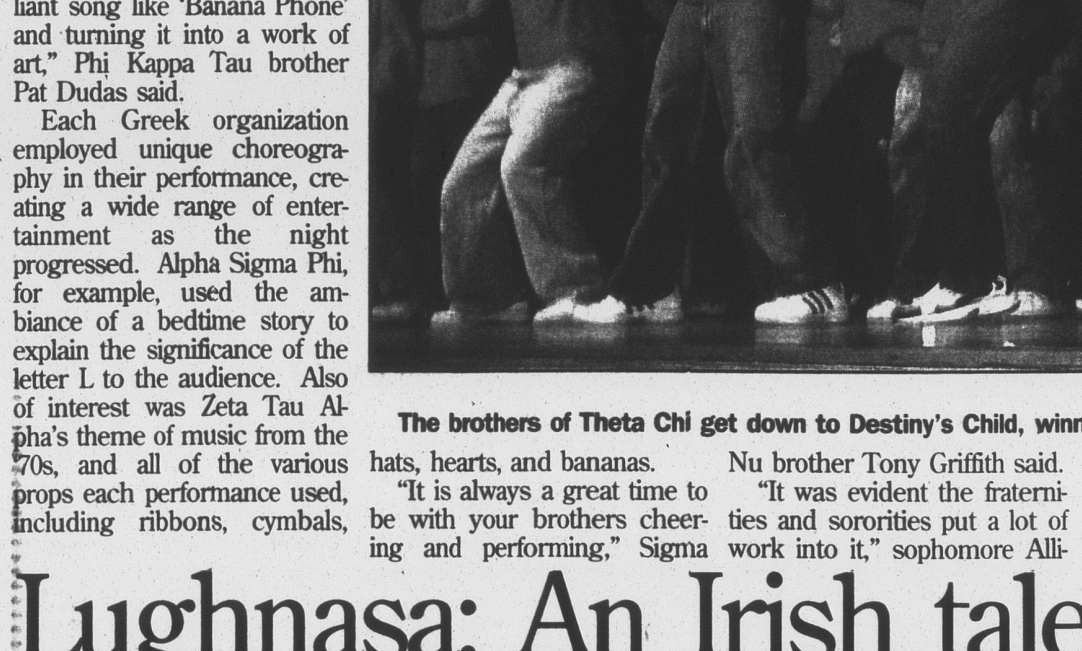

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

Barry Unis performs in this weekend's production of "Dancing at Lughnasa."

"The cast has really developed over time and grown into a real family."
-Barry Unis, freshman

Dancing At Lughnasa (pronounced loo-nah-sah) is the story of five sisters living in a small Irish village in 1936.

The show starts during the festival of Lughnasa, celebrating the pagan god of the harvest where there's plenty of drinking and dancing.

The narrator, Michael, tells the story of his upbringing by the five sisters, and it is through his story telling that we see the action unfold.

"It's full of Irish dancing, Irish humor and an experience of a culture unlike your own," said junior Colleen Byrnes.

This show is particularly unique because it is littered with debut roles. In fact, senior Sandy Edmiston has never acted on the Beeghly stage before.

"It's been a wonderfully interesting experience. I have never had a role like this and the cast as been so helpful and everyone is so talented. I am so happy to be working with this extraordinary cast," said freshman Katie Hammond who plays the lead role of "Kate."

The cast has been working since before spring break and have become very close in that amount of time.

Each actor has put so much energy into their characters, some even dying their hair and learning to knit.

"The cast has really developed over time and grown into a real family," said freshman Barry Unis.

Tickets are still available. To reserve a seat, contact Bob Allen at the Beeghly Theater box office by calling (724) 946 -7241 or by calling extension 7241 on campus.

Seniors prep for final week on campus

By Solange Nevels
Campus Writer

While most of the campus is packing up their dorm rooms, seniors will be getting together to partake in several activities that the Student Affairs office has organized during May 9-14.

Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs, is primarily responsible for the senior week events that have now become a part of the campus tradition.

"The alumni office handled senior week before I accepted the position in 1990," said Hawthorne. "Before that, all the seniors had were a banquet and the senior gift. I wanted them to have something more memorable and exciting."

Different ideas were submitted by students, including a trip to Quaker Steak and Lube, Cedar Point, the Gateway Clipper, and a Pirates or Indians game. For over a decade, the Affairs office has done well in meeting the expectations of the students.

Considerate of the need for down time, events are planned for three days out of the week.

On Monday, students can enjoy wings, dancing and camaraderie with fellow seniors at Tulley's Pub and Grill in Hermitage. A trip to Cedar Point is on deck for Wednesday morning, and Friday at 5 p.m., they can go to a Pirates game.

"I am really looking forward to Senior Week," senior Daniel Zapko said. "I think it's a great opportunity to hang out with everyone before we go off into the real world."

Closing out the week, the senior class can attend the President's brunch Thursday and graduation practice will be held under the supervision of Richard Sprow in Beeghly Theatre on Friday morning.

Following the rehearsal, the senior class along with the Board of Trustees will present the traditional Senior Class Gift to President Williamson.

The Senior Gift is given by the graduating class of seniors to the College. A senior committee formed in the fall to help educate fellow classmates on the importance of "giving back" to the college as they change their status from student to alumni.

"This is the first step toward their alumni status," development assistant Merrianne McGill said. "One good turn deserves another, alumni before them have given back to the college, which in turn helped to enrich every students' college experience."

The contributors will be awarded with the appearance of their name in the Westminster Magazine as well as the campus paper. The week concludes with graduation on Saturday, May 14, which will feature this year's senior speaker, Sandy Edmiston, who was announced as the winner on Wednesday after her speech was chosen by the board.

Commencement begins at 2:30 p.m.

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Opinion

You've come a long way, Holcad

Editor reflects on four-year career with the Holcad and why she wouldn't have spent her time anywhere else

Megan Sigler
Editor-in-Chief

"Oh esteemed editor," you ponder while you thumb through the pages of the journalistic masterpiece that is the final Holcad. "You are brilliantly witty, sassy beyond all reason, wear more shades of pink than Elle Woods and have a mean ribbon dance routine. So why on earth did you choose to dedicate the past four years of your Westminster career to working in a newspaper office?"

That, dear readers, is a darned good question.

Is it for the pay, you may ask?

Considering I could cash in my monthly paycheck and still not have enough money to purchase one Sodexho-catered brunch in the cafeteria...no, it is certainly not for the pay.

Is it for the glory and fame?

While editing articles and laying out pages is certainly glamorous, (and I must admit, I look good doing it), you'll have to guess again.

Is it for the game?

Not quite, though it is a widely-known fact that "Holcad editor" is right next to "boy band member" as a job most commonly used as a pick-up line.

Is it because you're crazy and no one else wanted your job?

A little. And by "a little," I mean "yes."

But surprisingly, ever-insightful readers, there is more to the Holcad than just money, fame and sex. Not much more, I can assure you, but still more.

As my wise advisor and editorial hero, Mr. Jim Raykie, so aptly put it during journalism class my sophomore year, "You have to love to do it."

And nobody, my friends, loves this little newspaper more than I do.

When I was first hired on the newspaper as a wide-eyed freshman copy editor, the Holcad office was tucked away in the dark depths of third-floor Patterson, covered with layers of pottery dust from the surrounding art studios.

Four years, 400 late nights, and 4 million computer crashes later, as I sit in our brand-new, air-conditioned office on the top floor of the McKelvey campus center, writing what will be the final article of my college career, I can't help but look out the window to the lovely '60s eyesore that is Patterson Hall and think to myself in that clichéd manner, "How times have changed."

After all, the Holcad has not always looked like this.

But with the support of Mr. Raykie, my enthusiastic staff and the production crew of MTV's "Made," I have been able to use my time with the newspaper to achieve a goal I've had since I joined the staff: transforming the paper from a prehistoric tabloid to a fully digitized broadsheet format. And I must say, Holcad, you have never looked sexier.

But while the Holcad has changed its look over the past four years, some things haven't changed at all. I cannot remember a Thursday when I was not rushing to beat our 6:30 deadline or a single week when I did not want to throw one of the computers out the window.

It's not a surprise that I'm here, once again, writing my article up until the last possible minute, fishing for the right words to capture four years of stress, laughs and tears into one column. And for the first time in my editorial career, I have to admit, I don't know what to say.

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And during my time as your mischievous yet lovable editor, I've had plenty to say.

After all, I take pride in the fact that I have not let anyone get away with anything at Westminster College without making fun of them first.

Remember when I compared TitanNet to that other less than catchy system in history... communism? Or when I said that the chances of getting into all the classes you want are as good as getting a parking spot within a day's travel of your dorm?

And who could forget when I threatened President Williamson that I would start showering at his house until the hot water in Browne worked again or when I compared dating on campus to playing Six Degrees of Separation?

When I got a fine for possessing an "illegal substance" I vowed to humbly live among the students with a scarlet C for candle on my chest and I made fun of the weekday curfew by labeling the hour of midnight as the time that the hormones of frisky boys and girls magically kick into full gear.

And you know what? I meant every word.

Did I stir up some controversy? You bet I did. But that's what I'm here for.

If we put out a publication each week and nobody talked about it, we wouldn't be doing our job. The beauty of a college newspaper is that it is supposed to make people think.

And I'll be the first to admit that we at the Holcad are not perfect. We may not always use perfect grammar and we may have some typos. Okay, a lot of typos. But that is not what I see when I look at the Holcad.

When I look at the Holcad, I see a showcase of student opinions, I see photos that students will be proud to put on their refrigerators, and most importantly, I see a learning process.

I am proud to say that I have worked with a staff of the most talented, creative and hard-working students I know. And I have watched them grow as writers, as photographers, as leaders and as people as they put their heart and soul into all of their assignments.

And that is why I love the Holcad. Not because it's perfect. But because it has personality. It's the same reason why I love Westminster College and the same reason I'll miss both of them when I graduate.

So thanks for the memories, Westminster. It's time for this editor to bow out and stir up some trouble elsewhere for awhile.

Megan would like to thank Mr. Raykie for believing in her, her PR professors for letting her come late to class everyday and the Holcad staff for being so sexy. She'd also like to thank her Sigma Kappa sisters and her Theta Chi brothers, especially her roommate of 4 years, Lauren Anderson, and her redheaded counterpart, Chip Hothem.

We're here for a good time, not for a long time

By Jarrod Takah
Opinionated Sports Writer

It's amazing how fast time goes. The cliché is so starkly true that it's borderline annoying. But it's the truth.

Four years ago, I arrived at Westminster College. The day was overcast and humid and I wasn't at all thrilled with my dingy and un-air-conditioned room in Russell Hall.

Four years have passed and what I wouldn't trade to be back on that miserable, humid and overcast day.

In the grand scheme of things, four years is not a long time at all. In the same breath, four years is a whole lot of time.

Looking back, I hope I can leave Westminster and say, "I did it the best I could." And the truth is, when I look back at my experiences here at Westminster, I know I'll be able to say, "I did it the best I could."

I remember a night during my freshman year when my then-roommate and life-long friend Chuch Ivanac and I set out on a Wednesday night for a little fun. When we next paid attention, we were walking home at 7:30 and the birds were chirping.

That's college.

I remember as a sophomore when Chuch and I snuck girls in our first story window in Eich almost everyday of the week. I now find it amusing that more people knocked on our window that year than on our door.

That's college.

I remember as a junior when Michael Farner and I started a small fire in our room. A candle had fallen behind the mantle in our room and I, never having played with a fire extinguisher, ran around like I was Tommy Corn. We spent the next six hours cleaning the extinguisher stuff off of our walls, our clothes and our electronics.

That's college.

On Saturday night, I realized that I had participated in my last Greek Week and Sing n' Swing. My friends and I partied until dawn. We listened to the Doors and to Joe Cocker. The more outlandish the music became, the faster and crazier we danced.

That's college.

College is a lot of things. Westminster is a lot of things, only more complicated.

As I prepare to leave Westminster, to attend Duquesne Law School and undertake new challenges, I reflect. I reflect at the immature kid that sauntered into Russell Hall four years ago a little bit anxious and a helluva lot excited.

Some things change. Westminster has allowed me to grow in more ways than I can count. My friends have played a mighty role in that growth. But looking at it, as I get set to leave Westminster, I'm the same person I was four years ago-a little bit anxious and a helluva lot excited.

It's been quite a ride: What I learned at WC

Rich Marmura
Opinion Columnist

An old Shaker song says, "The grave is near the cradle seen, how swift the moments pass between; how swift the moments pass between and whisper as they fly."

I actually sang this song (which is entitled "My Days, My Weeks, My Months, My Years") as a part of the Chamber Singers, during my sophomore year here at Westminster.

Since first sight-reading it, I had always liked this song, particularly the previous line, without ever really understanding why.

And while I have always been a fairly sentimental person, I have only recently began to fully comprehend how true this excerpt is.

It seems like only yesterday that I was walking around campus with my parents and our tour guide.

Trying to prepare myself for college was a daunting task. Though it may seem a shock, I can be quite shy.

Now I'm a senior - top of the heap. I have a view from the top and I like what I see.

But very soon, I will be once again at the bottom of the heap. I will be facing, yet another, daunting task: entering the "real world."

But as I look back on my time at Westminster; I can't help but think of the song. Time has gone so fast, but every experience, moment, event or relationship taught me something.

Each of the aforementioned "whispered" something and being the nostalgic person I am, I have been trying to remember what each one was saying.

I think of my friends and know that I have learned many things. My "political friends" taught me that though we may have many differences, it is the similarities we must look to if we ever hope to change the world for the better.

My "show folks" showed me that each and every person can have a place and that no one is more or less valuable than anyone else.

And two very special people showed me the value of true friendship and loyalty (they know who they are... "unsung heroes").

And what would college be without professors? (Besides a heck of a lot easier?) Our professors teach us things beyond dates, equations and facts.

For instance, whether you agree with her politics or not, anyone who has had Dr. Grove and truly applied themselves will find that she is one of the most energetic and hardworking faculty members on this campus.

How many organizations/events does she run/sponsor/advise? She is truly amazing.

Or what about Kathy Koop? She is more than just fun hats and a great laugh; she is also personal friends with some of the greatest ceramic artists of all time and nationally known for her work.

She is exciting, challenging, kind and inspirational.

And what can I say that will do justice in describing the theater department? Let's just say that these three professors make the cramped space, late hours, stretched budgets and hard work well worth it.

Now I'm a senior - top of the heap. I have a view from the top and I like what I see. But very soon, I will be once again at the bottom of the heap. I will be facing, yet another, daunting task: entering the "real world"

However, these whispers of advice; ie "be yourself," "have fun," "be loyal," "follow your dreams," "don't give up," "believe in yourself," "do what is right," "be serious," and "be silly" are preparing you for more than just a career, they should be preparing you for life.

I urge you, don't look back on your college career and find that you have learned no life lessons, that you have not grown. College is as much about preparing for a job, as it is preparing for life.

And if you learn only one thing... learn that we are all imperfect and that we are all too human.

In the end, after four years of friends, professors, clubs, meetings, homework, group projects and telepathic gorillas... something happened.

Something scary, yet inevitable... we grow up.

Now, I won't lie and say that everything was perfect and golden during my time at the 'Minster.

But, honestly, when everything is put in perspective, I hope that most of us can say that we all had a pretty good ride.

So thanks, Westminster, for letting me share my thoughts and strange idiosyncrasies with you this year. Seniors: good luck. Underclassmen: learn your lessons well.

And in the end, God Bless you all and God Bless Mother Fair.

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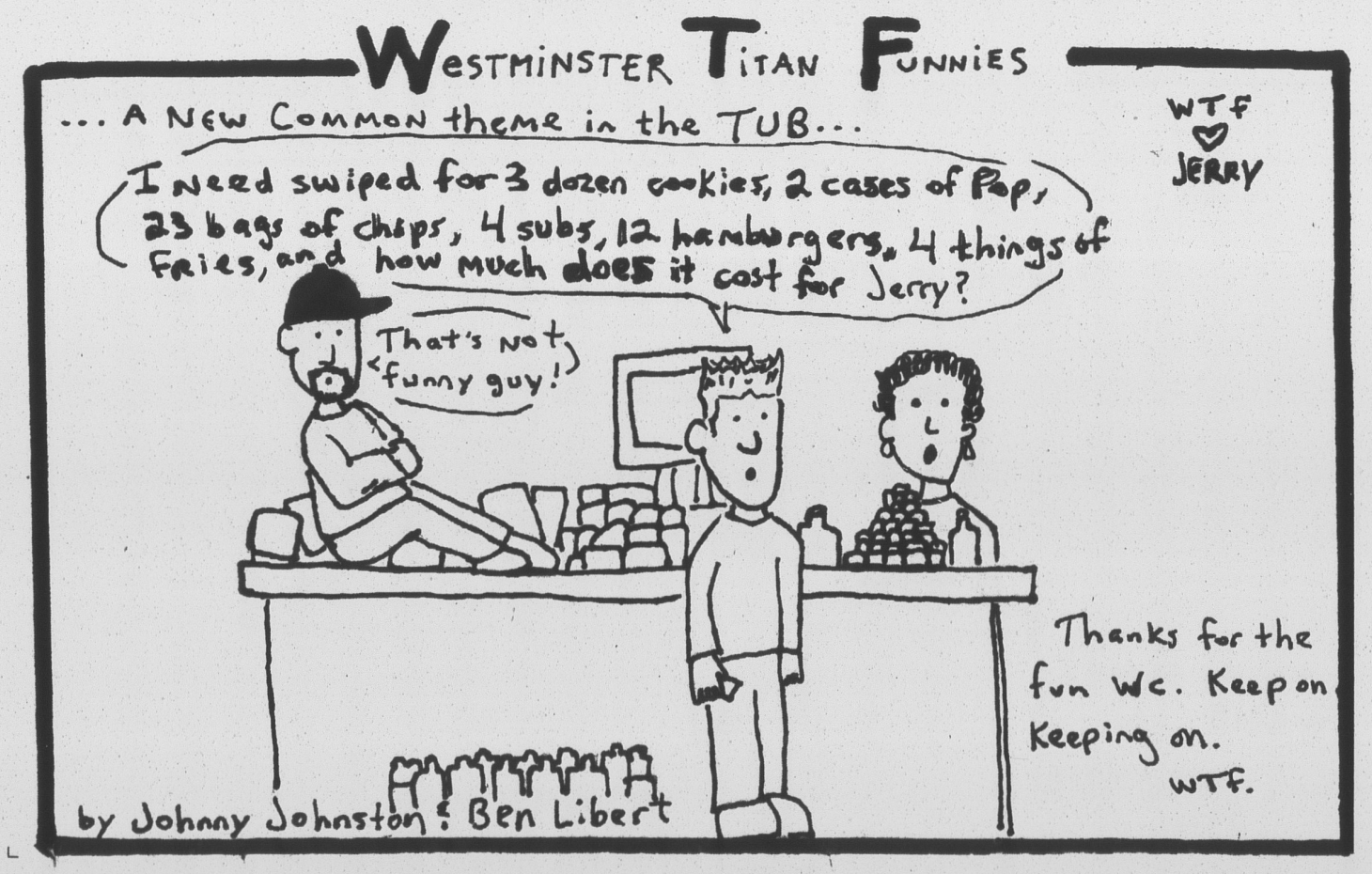

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In case you missed it...

The Holcad *presents the top ten stories to impact the campus this year*

1. "Student jobs to be eliminated"

By Colin Dean
Staff Writer
March 11, 2005

Some students may find themselves hunting for a new job off campus next semester.

The college has proposed and is just short of executing a new student employment program in which students who are eligible for work study will have first choice of of on-campus jobs.

"I think it is a mischaracterization to say that it's the elimination of employment," said R. Thomas Williamson, president of the college. "We are trying to make jobs available for to the work-study eligible and to let thsoe students who are not work-study eligible know that they will most likely find a job."

2. "What's in a name?"

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer
April 1, 2005

When students returned from spring break, the came across a surprise, and it was not an April Fools' joke. As of Tuesday, March 29, the TUB is tradition is back and here to stay.

"When I heard the cafe signs had been changed to The TUB, I had to go see for myself. I immediately walked downstairs to see the new signs," said Dr. David Barner, associate professor of broadcasting. He jovially chuckles knowing his dream project - two years in te making - finally gleans - hanging proudly - displayed along the skirts of downstairs McKelvey Center.

3. "Web redesign provokes stir"

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer
October 29, 2004

The traditional blue and white of the Westminster Web site were replaced this month by a rainbow of Crayola-bright colors. This new design is part of the college's new marketing concept, which has been implemented on publications and brochures as well as online.

The job was done by Carnegie Communitcations, a marketing firm based in New York City, who created what they call "a set of marketing materials that very actually depict the unique personality of Westminster while capitalizing on the factors that really motivate students as they go through the college selection process."

4. "Titan Cards in town?"

By Kristan Kohley
Campus Writer
November 19. 2004

In an attempt to provide more dining opportunities for students, the college it lookings into extending the Titan Card to various community businesses. This would allow students to spend their Titan dollars at restaurants like Mugsies, Pizza Joe's and Subway.

Enacting the Titan Card program off-campus would give students the opportunity to spend any amount of their Titan dollars at local businesses. the college would hold the deposited money and send monthly checks to the merchants based on an agreement outlining financial terms and procedures.

"I have been eager to move the Titan Card off-campus for several years," said Business Manager Don Shalenberger.

5. "Money can buy WC love"

By Megan Sigler
Editor-in-Chief
February 25, 2005

Theta Chi fraternity will present the Bake family with a check for $3,560 this Saturday thanks to the overwhelming success of the date auction held on Thursday, Feb. 17 in the student lounge.

Ron Bake, a brother of Theta Chi, was hospitalized last December after a near-fatal car accident which rendered him unconscious. When news broke of the tragedy, his brothers, family and friends were at his side, praying for him to wake up. Today, with the help of the doctors at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and the steady stream of prayers, Bake is still hanging on, and his family's medical bills will now be significantly relieved as a result of the grand generosity bestowed by the campus.

6. "A campus divided"

By Sandy Edmiston
Staff Writer
November 5, 2004

"I'm tired. I went to bed at 4 in the morning. I've been up since 7:30 waiting to hear results. There's so much riding on this election. Plus, you care so much more when you've been working yourself on something. I've spent a lot of time campaigning," said freshman Carsen Nesbitt early Wednesday morning, with the election still undecided.

Nesbitt voiced her frustrations only a few hours before Senator John Kerry announced his concession from the race, dubbing George W. Bush as the reigning president for the next four years.

7. "Extreme makeover: Web site edition"

By Kathryn Larson
Staff Writer
April 8, 2005

Last Wednesday morning, most students arose, shuffled out of their warm covers and made their pre-coffee morning e-mail check.

Here, most double-blinked, blanking in confusion. Their mouse circled a completely new cropped Web page.

The change was so abrupt, many returning spring breakers wondered why the college chose an arbitrary Wednesday for the unveiling.

8. "Volley Rock vs. Honors Convocation"

By Dan Prokop
Campus Writer
April 1, 2005

On April 30, students must decide whether they wnat to be recognized for their academic achievements or participate in the traditional volleyball tournament.

Ending the semester the first week in May cause a scheduling conflict between two campus activities: Honors Convocation and Volley Rock

According to the planners of each event, Honors Convocation has taken place on the last Saturday in April for several years while Volley Rock's always stood on the last Saturday before finals week. This year, those two days happen to be the same - tipping off a debate over timeliness and tradition.

9. "Out of business"

By Sandy Edmiston
Staff Writer
January 28, 2005

In a town like New Wilmington, where change often comes slowly and gradually, one does not expect five buisnesses to close down within a month of each other.

Students returning from winter break may have been surprised to notice that the building that once housed Miller's Variety store now holds nothing but an empty window and Golden Dawn bears a sign announcing 30 percent off liquidation. Looking closer, students may have been even more startled to notice that the Vine Street Cafe is permanently shutting it's doors and that the Shortstop Inn is for sale. Those who will remember an article from a fall edition of the Holcad announcing the sale of the Tavren will most likely think that New Wilmington has encountered unspoken economic troubles, and that town favorites like Mugsies and Pizza Joe's will soon follow suit.

10. "Paine reporting for duty in Iraq"

By Jaycie Galbreath
Campus Writer
March 4, 2005

Wile most students busy themselves with studying for midterms, transer sophomore Ben Paine prepares to leave his family, friends and life behind to fight for his country in Iraq.

Paine received an official phone call on Valentine's Day confirming his order to head to Iraq. He will leave for Mississippi around March 11 and stay there for anywhere from one to three months. From there, he'll follow a complete month of training in Calif. and then fly to Kuwait before entering Iraq.

Letter to the Editor

Kudos to Greek Life!

With Thanksgiving rapidly approaching, I would like to comment on one aspect of Westminster that I am most thankful for: Greek Life.

After what may go down as one of the most successful and entertaining Greek Weeks of all time (or at least throughout my four years here), I am compelled to voice my gratitude toward the administration, the faculty and students that make Greek Life on campus such a powerful and uplifting 4-year experience.

Let's bring Greek Life into perspective: Where else will 18-22-year-olds be able to share living quarters? Where else will people who are above the legal drinking age, and who also belong to a fraternity, be able to carry 6 beers into a house? Six whole beers!!!

Where else are college students entrusted with the responsibility of decorating the practice field with plastic bags and paper cups from the TUB? Where else will independents receive phone calls from their Greek friends asking them to take notes in class because they have a Frisbee tournament?

I'm sorry, but that sort of dedication is only found in one place-Greek Life!

That's not all, folks. Where else will grown women paint their faces and chalk the sidewalks promoting their vote for Greek Goddess? Where else will those same women be fined for not participating in campus events?

Where else will grown men be so driven competitively that they storm off a field voicing their profanity-ridden displeasure with the results of a kickball playoff?

Finally, where else will a first-year student be so moved by their fraternity, that they refer to it as a second religion?

The simple fact is that this only happens in Greek Life. Another simple fact is that I am being completely sarcastic. Fraternities and sororities are just plain silly.

The individuals involved are not; there is much more substance to each of them, but the concept itself has bothered me for four years.

I graduate in May, and will never again be woken up by a pledge prank, or bothered by a sorority chant, and I couldn't be happier!

So here's to you Greek Life, may I never have to put up with you again.

Chris Hatch
Senior - Public Relations

P.S. All sarcastic references are based on real events.

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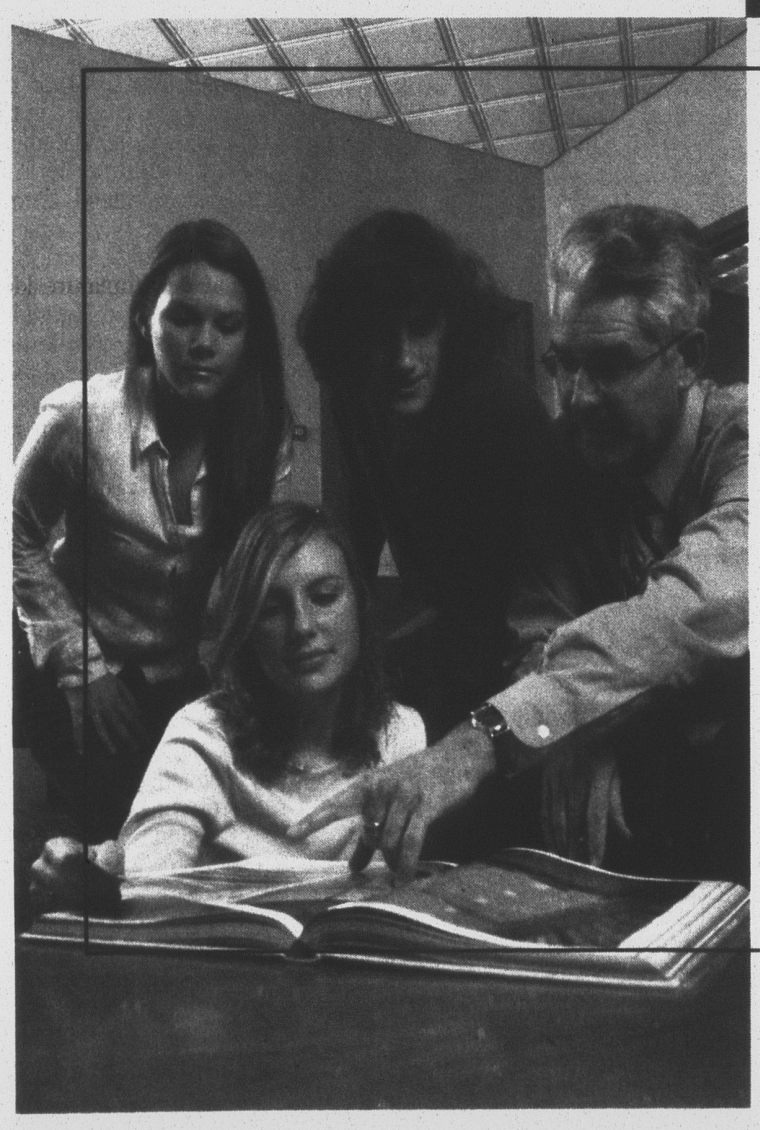

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Sing 'N Swing

Greek Week ends on a high note

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the Fraternity Pickup Day Award and the Scott Renninger Greek Service Award. Also, each organization picked its own brother or sister of the year, a Greek god, Sigma Nu's Michael Mackin, and goddess, Alpha Gamma Delta's Kristal Seale, were chosen, and the homecoming court was announced.

The very last awards, of course, were the winners of Sing 'n' Swing. This year the energetic and enthusiastic performances of the brothers of Theta Chi and the sisters of Sigma Kappa earned them both the win for their respective sexes.

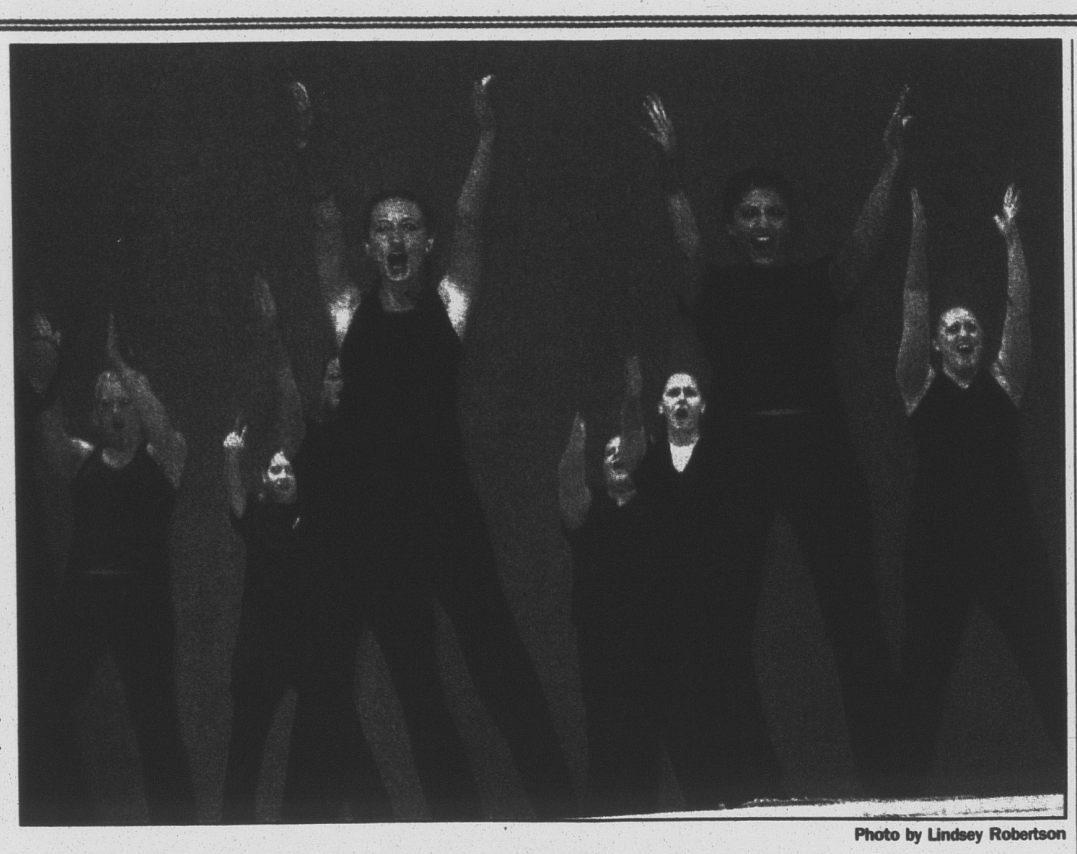

Photo by Lindsey Robertson

Kappa Delta sorority gives a dramatic performance of the letter "A."

"It felt absolutely amazing," Sigma Kappa sister Allison Houser said. "All the other sororities did a wonderful job, and there is no doubt in my mind that it was close. I was so impressed with everyone's performances. It was just a terrific night."

In the end, though, the night was really about the Lynch family. Bill Lynch, a Theta Chi brother, died of a heart aneurism in 1997, and for the past six years Sing 'n' Swing donations have been given to the Lynch family. The money raised by the Greeks truly shows how united the community is.

"When you can come together as a whole and for an hour or two provide entertainment for people and also raise money for such a worthy cause, the experience itself is worth so much," Dudas said.

Next year's Holcad editors chosen

By Bryan Peck
Staff Writer

The academic school year is coming to an end and with it comes change.

The Seniors, (the graduating ones, at any rate) are leaving for bigger and better things.

For the rest of the campus, this means someone has to start doing the work that the seniors have been slacking on for the past few weeks.

For the Holcad, however, the end of a school year means one thing. It is time to pass the torch.

As the current editor, Megan Sigler, is graduating, this puts the Holcad at a dilemma.

Without an editor, no one can "edit" anything at all. Therefore, someone had to step in to fill the gap.

Sophomore Colin Dean and Junior Kathryn Larson have been chosen to work as co-editors for the paper next year.

They both have a lot of great ideas for the paper, and cannot wait to begin working as a team to keep the students on campus well informed.

Both are ready and willing to spend the time, energy, and frustration on making a paper every week.

In order to improve the paper, both of the new editors had a plethora of ideas on how to make everything run smoother.

"One thing I really want to improve is communications between the paper and the broadcasting department."

Dean said, "You see a lot of communication between the two in the real world, so why not here too?"

Dean also proposed that he would attempt to get an "Our View" article in the paper at least every other week.

He promises that he will be as unbiased as possible in which events get recognition in the paper.

"This is a student publication. We're going to focus on the students." Dean said.

On the other side of this new team, Larson brings experience that she gained in working on a newspaper from her school in Tennessee.

Larson transferred to the campus this year, and is ready to work on another paper.

Like Dean, she wishes to stress a connection with the broadcasting department.

"I want broadcasting and the Holcad to keep us in touch with what's going on in Lawrence county." Larson said.

Larson has several ideas to bring to the paper next year.

Among them, she would like to include a "Forum for your Thoughts" section, and an article or two about traditions.

She would also like to see students become more politically active in the paper.

"I find it most important to have the student body know that this is the body politic of our school." Larson said, "It is vital to keep fleshing it out with all our voices."

The two are both looking forward to working together to make this paper possible.

Both have a lot to bring to the Holcad, and it will be fun to see what kind of a paper they will produce.

"It will be interesting working with Kathryn," Dean said. "She has a lot of experience and a lot of great ideas."

Larson, who has already started calling Dean "husband" in preparation for the long nights it takes to build a paper, agrees.

"Oh, husband." Larson said, "I think we'll work well. He knows I'm his creative muse."

Larson and Dean will begin their duties as co-editors in the fall.

"You know that saying: it takes a village to raise a baby?" Larson said. "It takes Westminster to raise a Holcad."

Webber musical rocks Chapel Drama

By Angela Donnell
Campus Writer

Chapel Drama colored the stage in their production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The production, which showed at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 24 in Wallace Memorial Chapel, proved that hard work and perseverance truly pay off.

Despite a late start in the casting process and initial scheduling problems, the cast worked hard and pulled the show together for the performances.

"The performing is the best part," freshman Eric Walker said. "In the end, it was worth the work and time."

This year's production began its rehearsals about a month later than last year's production of "Godspell."

The crew had to wait for the rights to perform the show before they could start production.

However, the loss of rehearsal time was not evident in the final production.

The cast's enthusiasm was contagious and they captivated the audience with their polished vocal harmonies and their stellar dance moves.

"The music was lively and exciting," junior Elizabeth Gavin said. "It made me want to dance on the stage with the cast."

The cast of Chapel Drama is comprised of students who audition for the show at the beginning of the spring semester.

Chapel Drama chooses to use musical and theatrical talents to glorify God.

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Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat was brought to life last weekend for the 2005 Chapel Drama.

"It's a good way to minister to the people and make lasting friendships," junior Katie Meadows said.

"Joseph" tells the biblical story of Joseph of Canaan who was despised by his brothers yet, loved by his father.

He was given a coat of many colors which made his brothers envious of him.

After Joseph tells them about a dream he had where people are worshiping him and his wheat, his brothers become so angry that they decide to sell him into slavery.

Joseph spends the next years of his life with an Egyptian property owner followed by imprisonment.

Finally, he uses his dream-reading abilities to acquire an interview with the Pharaoh, and the Pharaoh is so impressed that he appoints Joseph to be the Minister of Agriculture.

Later, when a large drought and a subsequent famine hit the land, Joseph's brothers come to him looking for employment and food.

They do not recognize Joseph, and he is able to play a joke on them while they are still unaware that he is their brother.

"It was a lot of fun," music director, senior Cassandra Walker, said. "It was stressful at times, but it was a good show."

Going out with a bang: Senior musicians honored

By Dan Prokop
Campus Writer

The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band combine their talents for the "Celebrate the Seniors" Concert tonight at 7:30 in Orr Auditorium.

This concert is the annual way for both the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble to say goodbye to seniors.

As director of bands Dr. R. Tad Greig said, this time of the year is bittersweet.

"Knowing that these outstanding individuals will soon be making their mark on the world is something that I am truly proud to see," Greig said. "On the other hand, I say goodbye to young people who, over the past four years, have made a deep and lasting impression on me and on Westminster."

After playing trombone for countless concerts at Westminster, Brad Stewart is one of the seniors being celebrated tonight.

Although he's currently looking for a position as a music teacher, Stewart reminisces about his experiences here.

"Knowing that this will be my last Westminster band concert creates mixed emotions for me," Stewart said. "I have put in a lot of time and have made strong relationships with my fellow musicians."

The musicians have dedicated much of their time to prepare for this concert, especially for pieces such as Philip Parker's "Clowns."

It's "extremely difficult, yet extremely fun," said Greig. Musicians such as Stewart and junior Carrie Halas perform with both the Wind Ensemble and the Symphonic Band, offering twice as much of their time to the music department.

"I respect the members of these ensembles for being willing to rehearse during lunch and dinner on both Mondays and Wednesdays," Halas said. "That's asking a lot of a college student, but they offer their time willingly."

Not only will this concert showcase all of the musicians' hard work, but it will also include a premiere.

Greig contracted composer Cormac Cannon to re-arrange the Alma Mater for a full ensemble.

The result is entitled "Westminster Hymn," which will conclude the concert.

"I think it will be a great night of school pride with the premiere of the Westminster Hymn arranged by Cannon," Stewart said.

Hard work recognized at Honors Convocation

By Tace Zona
Campus Writer

There is but one yearly letter sent home that doesn't describe recent alcohol violations, parking ticket fines or the scandalous possession of candles in a dorm room.

In all actuality, this letter has a positive connotation. It asks parents to attend the Spring Honors Convocation this Saturday morning in Orr Auditorium.

The Spring Honors Convocation is held every year on the last Saturday in April to honor students who have excelled academically.

This year, however, the Honors Convocation has met some degree of controversy, since it falls on the same day as Westminster's annual Volleyrock tournament.

It is necessary for the Spring Honors Convocation to be held this late in the semester in order to allow students to complete their honors research before receiving any awards.

SGA suggested moving the convocation to Sunday to avoid conflicting times with Volleyrock, but Dean Mann didn't feel that would be appropriate for a college with a religious affiliation.

Because Westminster students are so engaged in campus activities, spring is a very busy time with weather-dependent events like Volleyrock, the Relay for Life, and Greek Week.

Of course, because the Honors Convocation will be held the same day as Volleyrock, the turnout will depend on the weather.

According to Dean Mann, the average attendance is between 400 and 500 people.

"I don't think Volleyrock is going to hurt us too much," Mann said. "Students who are going to be recognized will not want to miss the Honors Convocation."

At one time, the Honors Convocation was held in the chapel, but the ceremony eventually outgrew the space.

It was then moved to Orr Auditorium, where it is held currently.

As always, departmental scholarships and general scholarships will be awarded, along with medals for honors research.

Members of the Pi Sigma Pi Honorary, an organization started on Westminster's campus for students with a 3.6 GPA or higher, will also be recognized.

In addition, two distinct scholarships will be given for extracurricular leadership and service.

One Alan Splete scholarship will be awarded in honor of the former Westminster president.

Four James McQuiston scholarships will also be awarded for leadership.

An honors luncheon will follow the convocation, including photographs of some honors recipients.

According to Dean Edman, the faculty at the convocation will be fully robed, symbolic of the fact that all gather together to honor students who have excelled.

Some members of the administration will also be present to show support and encouragement to the award recipients.

"The Spring Honors Convocation is a testimony to our mission to promote academics and leadership," Edman said.

The Honors Convocation is a source of pride to students, parents, faculty, administration, and the academic institution as a whole.

Gloria Cagigas, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, agreed.

"Honors Convocation is an opportunity to recognize our students' achievement and to acknowledge their exceptional work through scholarships, awards, and/or prizes," Cagigas said.

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Saturday - Windy with rain tapering off, H: 63, L: 39
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Tuesday - Chance of a shower, H: 62, L: 43
Wednesday - Clouds giving away to sun, H: 63, L: 41
Thursday - Mostly sunny, H: 61, L: 41
Friday - Partly sunny, H: 64, L: 43

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Freshman Colby Beeson is greeted by his smiling teamates at home-plate after he hit a homerun against Washington & Jefferson College on April 25.

Titans hit grand slam

Win over W&J pushes Titans to first place tie in PAC standings

The baseball team improved to 17-10 overall and 8-4 in PAC play on April 26, as the Titan diamondmen recorded a 6-5 league victory at Washington & Jefferson College.

The win snapped the Titan" five-game losing streak, while also lifting Westminster into a first-place PAC tie with the Presidents (19-10, 8-4 PAC) with three games to play in the regular season.

W&J jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the opening frame, but the Titans scored two in the second and one in the third to tie the game 3-3.

The Presidents re-took the lead at 4-3 in the bottom of the third.

Westminster went ahead for good at 6-4 with a three-run eighth, keyed by a two-run double by senior shortstop Ron Florian.

W&J scored one in the ninth to cut the lead to 6-5, but would get no closer.

Sophomore Tony Cunningham earned the win for the Titans in relief, improving to 5-2 after allowing one unearned run on five hits with no walks and three strikeouts in seven innings of work.

Offensively, Florian was 2-for-4 with a run scored and three RBIs, while senior catcher Ricky Straw was also 2-for-4.

Junior outfielder Ed DeRose was 2-for-5 with a double, while senior first baseman Brian Andrews scored twice in the win.

Junior third baseman Mark Francazio also doubled for Westminster.

Westminster baseball returned to the diamond on Thursday with a single non-conference game at La Roche College.

Takah's Titans: The big moments this spring

By Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

As has become my standard operating procedure, at the conclusion of each semester, I compile a list of athletes who have earned recognition as the semester's "Takah's Titans."

This being the last edition of "Takah's Titans," I've taken a different angle. I've compiled the top four newsworthy events in the Titan sporting universe this spring and broken them down into a countdown format.

4. Goodbye, Jerome

On March 21, 2005, the storied Westminster football tradition entered a new phase: finding a new coach.

Former coach Jerome Schmitt announced his resignation from Westminster and his intention to assume the head coaching position at Duquesne University. Schmitt posted a 28-21 record as the Titan head man.

Let's see, Schmitt arrives at Westminster in 2000; I arrive at Westminster in 2001. Schmitt assumes head coaching job at Duquesne in 2005; I begin Duquesne Law School in 2005. Creepy.

3. Southern Fun

Over their spring trips south, the baseball and softball teams enjoyed great success. Each team returned to New Wilmington sporting 6-2 records.

The baseball team traveled to Fort Pierce, Fla. While in Fort Pierce, the Titans were paced by the pitching efforts of sophomore Tony Cunningham and junior Brenton Gilmore. The Titan offensive was led by senior infielders Kevin Gesacion and Brian Andrews.

While competing in the Rebel Spring Games in Orlando, Fla., the Lady Titans were led by sophomore pitcher Jennifer Pancake. In Fla., Pancake posted a 4-0 record on the mound.

2. Boston's Breakout

Sophomore swimmer Ryan Trunk competed at the NCAA Championships at the conclusion of this swimming season.

Trunk garnered All-American distinction in the 50 and 100-meter freestyle. It's scary but Trunk has two years of eligibility to improve.

1. New Champs on the Block

The Lady Titans basketball team enjoyed its most successful season in program history this winter.

The Lady Titans posted a 21-8 record, claimed its their first PAC crown and broke the school record for wins (19).

They advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament before falling to Messiah College.

Sophomore Desiree Sterling garnered first team All-PAC laurels, while senior Erica Tallo earned a second team nod and senior Mary Jane Eaton received Honorable Mention distinction.

The teams that competed this winter and spring made strides in continuing the Titan tradition of excellence. It is my earnest hope, that the next generation of Titan athletes carries the torch.

I graduate confidently that my position will be filled as sports writer, as will Scott Froelich's as running back, as will Pat O'Connor's as power forward.

Enjoy your summer and good luck in every endeavor you pursue.

Photo by Willis Bretz

Passion is more than just the team name

Michelle Wilkerson (#43) of the Pittsburgh Passion gets help from a teamate as she wraps up the legs of D.C. Divas running back Donna Wilkinson (#33). The game was the Passion's home-opener and took place April 23 at Ambridge Area High School.

By Justin Egley
Staff Writer

I have played sports all of my life, and why do I do it? For the love of the game. To compete. To have fun. You don't find any professional national sports anymore that play the game for just fun. It's a paycheck.

Well that is for every sport except for one. Last Saturday's weather led to the perfect formula for football season: Rain, snow, low temperatures, it was simply awesome.

Many think football season is over, but for some it is just beginning. We can bleed black and gold all year round now due to the women. The Pittsburgh Passion kicked off their first game on April 12, 2005 and will be doing so for a long time.

The Pittsburgh Passion is one of the 41 teams of the National Woman's Football League.

They have pretty much the same rules of the NFL, the only thing that is different is they use a TDY size football (smaller size ball than NFL), only one foot in bounds is required following a reception, and no blocking below the waist down field.

There are ten regular season games, which are followed by the playoffs.

What makes this sport so special isn't just the fact that women play this game, but it's about the women themselves. The women do have other jobs or involvements.

Many work full time and some attend college. Many in fact have full families that they deal with. The ladies do not receive financial reimbursement for playing with the Passion.

"The ladies that play for the Passion just truly love football, love being part of a team, and truly enjoy what they do," said Chaz Kellem, a staff member of the Passion team.

It is a big time commitment playing for the Passion because it is practice three nights a week, video at least once a week and then games, some which include traveling far distances.

Last Saturday I had the chance to witness my first ever NWFL game.

The Pittsburgh Passion's home stadium is at Ambridge High school. This was the second week for the league as the Passion hosted The DC Divas.

I must admit that I thought this would be like a little league game, but this writer was very impressed. They hit just as hard, if not harder than the NFL players.

The Passion may have lost 24-0 but they played their hearts out, and put on a good show.

Titan Track Invitational showcases talent

By Fred Gadawski
Sports Writer

The Titan men's and women's team once again held the Titan Invitational this past weekend. Team scores were not held at the event, so there was no team winner.

Leading the way for the guys was junior Adam Hadbavny won took home first in both the discus with a throw of 46.93 meters and in shot with a heave of 14.63 meters.

Other winners included senior Marcus Corvino who won the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 10:30, as well as the 5,000 meters in 16:30.

For the ladies, it was freshman Jessica Cooper who took first in the high jump with a leap of 1.60 meters and also in the long jump at 10.49 meters.

When it came to the track, sophomore Rachael Cooper grabbed first in the 400-meter hurdles, while Sarah Calderone won first in the 800 meters with a time of 2:24.

Both teams will end their season this coming weekend, as they will compete in the 2005 PAC championships at Washington and Jefferson College.

Tom Heath
Sports Editor

Last play of the game...

Well, it's about that time. Time to pack up and head home and for some head home and leave beloved Westminster as they being their journey in life.

The week leading up to finals and the week of are defiantly busy for all of us. However, hope in the freedom of doing what you please until August make it all that much better.

First, I would like to thank two people, Megan Sigler and Jarrod Takah.

Megan has done a fine job with her editing in her busy schedule and if you see her around, please thank her. Since I have been here, the Holcad has just gotten better and better each and every year.

Jarrod has definitely written some great columns that made people laugh, especially me. It's going to be hard to help him pack up his Jack Johnson and Dave Matthews CDs as well as his books of Ginsburg poems and incense for one last time.

Although two fantastic staff members leave us, the sports world doesn't cease to exist. It presses on, just like our lives and time here at school.

Second, my draft predictions were defiantly way off. It is amazing how Aaron Rogers draft stock literally dropped over night. For some reason, many people doubted his ability and dubbed him as raw talent. Apparently Alex Smith is the better Quarterback, going first to the San Francisco 49ers.

My second pick was dead on with Ronnie Brown going to the Dolphins. I think he is the man for the job. Cedric Benson is a player to say the least, but Miami has had a string of back luck with running backs that support dreadlocks from the University of Texas.

Cleveland also defiantly got the guy they were looking for. Braylon Edwards is the big play receiver that Cleveland has lacked since the days of Ozzie Newsome and Webster Slaughter.

My pick with the Steelers was also way off. They didn't even select a defensive player in the first round.

I am far from a Steelers fan, but I really think that Heath Miller is the answer. I did watch him this past season when he played for the University of Virginia, and he is the man.

He's got great size, a good blocker, good speed, and can make plays.

Pittsburgh's secondary may struggle at times but they will pull through. However, I really think that their offense will be second to none next year, as much as I hate to admit it.

They great offensive line, along with Big Ben, solid receivers and two excellent running backs, Miller just adds one more threat to complete the offense.

Well, it's been real, it's been fun, and it's been real fun. I hope everyone has an excellent summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Seniors, I wish you all nothing but the best in whatever your future holds for you.

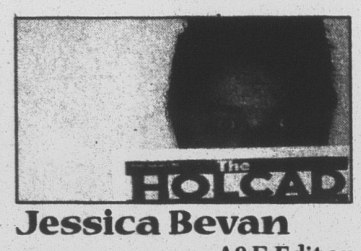
Two, for sure, have without a doubt an amazing one ahead of them.

Adios until next year!

Tom is a junior Political Science Major from Erie, Pa. He is member of the football team, College Republicans and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

Arts & Entertainment

Take a bow, the journey is almost over



Jessica Bevan
A&E Editor

I've been looking at this week's column as if it's my version of a series finale. With graduation looming and almost three years of being a Holcad cast member, I get to bow out gracefully and head off to syndication in the library archives.

Like many finales of TV shows, the ending of a good thing is usually the result of characters moving on to new and different adventures that takes them away from the series.

Sort of like when the Korean War was ending on M*A*S*H (possibly one of the most bittersweet endings ever... B.J. refuses to actually say the words, so he spells out 'good bye' with rocks and Hawkeye sees it from the helicopter... Oh, the waterworks...).

I was hoping to achieve something cool and classy like that, but we all know I'll just end up rambling about nonsense. And I feel that's how it should be. I'm a huge fan of finales that basically follow in style with the rest of series, instead of doing something out of the ordinary.

Anyway, this "college as a TV show" metaphor is really a very solid one, in my English major opinion.

Each year, or even semester, we establish series regulars - roommates, friends, significant others, professors, co-workers, that one barista from Mugsies, whomever.

Sometimes those characters stay in our lives for just a short period of time, while other people have been sharing our opening credits since the word 'go.'

And we fill those roles for others as well. The recurring or special guest spots are ones we especially hold dear, I think.

Running into a former hallmate at a frat party, getting advice from a former professor, or meeting up with those people who have already graduated and moved on to 'bigger projects' - those rare moments with people we don't normally spend time with are ones that really shape us and give us a chance to prove the worth of our character.

I strongly believe in fate, that every person we meet affects our storyline someway, somehow.

Yes, it's a little cliché, but very true. I know I'd be someone completely different if I had majored in other subjects, hadn't been a part of the Holcad staff, or hadn't lived those dorm rooms, with those roommates.

And, just like those crazy episodes when Cory, Shawn and Topanga went to Disney World; Marissa, Summer, Seth and Ryan got locked in the mall; or when Buffy, Willow and Xander got sucked into some weird alternate reality (okay, that was almost every episode, but whatever), we all have those crazy events outside of our normal shtick.

Things like road trips to IUP to see Yellowcard for free or conferences in Minnesota; they create unforgettable moments and add depth to our character.

In the end, we all know that most importantly, it's the small

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moments - the 2:00 a.m. trips to Wal-Mart or Eat and Park, turning a paper you know is well-written, tossing a Frisbee around on the quad - that give us the strength and ability to survive the big stuff. The cliff hangers. The character-altering events. The things we have to go through to get that just-right ending.

What this really comes down to is that for me and my fellow seniors, our contracts are up and haven't been renewed for another season.

We may not have the script in front of us, but we have a good idea how it all ends.

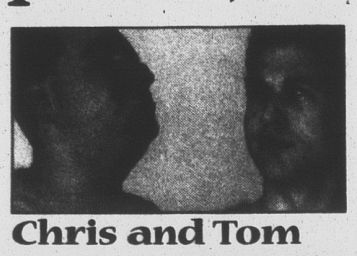
It's time to move on, to take the lessons we've learned, and to make our mark on a new series.

The characters, setting, and budget will be different, but we have these experiences to work from and build on.

I guess it's a good thing that our minds work like TiVo. To butcher some quality Matchbook Romance lyrics, we can always "hit restart, and pause it at our favorite parts."

Jess is a senior, double majoring in English and public relations. After three years of Holcading, she isn't sure what to do with her Thursday afternoons. She'd like to thank the people who actually read this column and her roommates, for their all-around awesomeness.

The Interpreter, Kung Fu Hustle and summer previews



Chris and Tom
Movie Critics

As May 14th seems to never get here, we bid this campus adieu with our final movie reviews of our undergraduate career.

Cuz this aint stopping.

Yes, that's right, its time for us to move on and leave the bubble behind.

We're sure that Sherri Breitigan will follow our footsteps without a problem, providing a female point of view.

It's been fun tearing apart horrible movies and praising an occasional good one.

If you ever need advice on who will win the Oscar, just ask one of us. So now, without further ado, our final movie reviews for the H OL CAD.

The number one film of this past weekend, The Interpreter, boasts having two recent Oscar winners, Sean Penn and Nicole Kidman, as well as an Oscar winning director in Sydney Pollack (Out of Africa).

The film centers on Silvia Broome (Kidman), an interpreter at the United Nations, who overhears details of an assassination plot against a foreign dictator.

Penn plays Tobin Keller, a secret service agent who is in charge of protecting the targeted dictator.

As Keller drives further into the investigation, the suspicions towards Silvia's involvement in the plot thicken.

However, The Interpreter is not as simple as we have made it seem.

The plot goes many different directions but manages to pull together.

The simple plot is surrounded by more complex themes that most action movies don't even try to discuss.

Both lead characters are suffering from personal losses, which provide a unique relationship between the two. Their past histories result in more personal reactions to events that take place.

Themes of honesty, genocide and political responsibilities all help flesh out these characters.

Rarely do such multi-dimensional characters exist in a political thriller.

As a political thriller, this film reeks of authenticity, as it was the first film allowed to be shot inside the United Nations headquarters.

However, The Interpreter is not perfect, as it frequently changes in shifts of momentum from one exciting action sequence to a long intimate conversation.

These shifts can sometimes feel awkward; however, the film has enough strong points to get our approval.

Some beautiful shots, Sean Penn in a convincing good guy role, and a few excellent action scenes make The Interpreter a B for Chris and an A- for Tom.

So while we both saw The Interpreter, I (Chris) could not help but sneak out and see the hyped up Kung Fu Hustle.

The advertisements promised Looney Tunes meets Hero.

I wish I could say they lied. Like a cake that I don't like but everyone else seems to, the mixture just didn't work for me.

Kung Fu Hustle is as representative of its own culture as one could expect. Unfortunately for my tastes, that culture is not American.

The story centers on the Axe Gang, a group of thugs that control Shanghai in the 1940s and those in the little village of Pig Sty.

There we meet hidden kung fu masters that fend off the Axe Gang time and time again. While some masters are lost along the way, it is the discovery of "the one" that turns the tides for the good guys.

The story follows three main lines of people. The Axe Gang is more or less one dimensional, intending only to remain in power.

The village switches power from one set of masters to another.

And finally there are two nobodies who end up being somebodies at the end of the film.

Back and forth, the characters travel from good guy to bad guy and back again.

Where the movie failed for me was its inability to walk the line between serious action (and sometimes even dramatic) film and pure Bugs Bunny comedy.

Remember back in kindergarten when the balance beam was an inch off the ground and if you fell off you could hop back on? Kung Fu Hustle is exactly like that.

No one punishes the film for its lack of balance and simply rewards the movie for getting through to the end. In reality, though, the movie stumbles every time the tone changes.

What makes this a shame is that as a serious film it has a nice philosophy to consider and it comes across well.

That is of course until someone jumps up in the air and their legs spin around until a large cloud of dust is formed.

Then the comedy takes over and works pretty nicely. Then an important character is killed mercilessly. And the cycle repeats itself.

The film could have and should have worked. Perhaps it is because I expected something else from the commercials.

Perhaps what I really wanted was the less goofy (and I'll admit even somewhat racist) Kung Pow: Enter the Fist. Either way the film didn't work for me, and for that it gets a C.

So we end our time with you with our last summer preview.

As school ends for the year for some and forever for others, take these next three months and cool off (we pray it gets hot again!) in the theater.

Next week enter another world with The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

Then enjoy the ending of Star Wars with Revenge of the Sith (And don't lie! Deep down you know you love the prequels!).

Finish out May with Adam Sandler and Chris Rock in The Longest Yard remake and, if it's your thing, try Ridley Scott's Gladiator in the Crusades film Kingdom of Heaven.

The Oscar film of the summer is without a doubt Cinderella Man, starring Russell Crowe and directed by Ron Howard.

Mr. & Mrs. Smith takes two of the sexiest people in the world and forces them to try and kill each other.

End June with the all-star Batman Begins.

It's all downhill from there, except for Willie Wonka & the Chocolate factory.

So end your summer movie season with Johnny then spend the rest of your break outside trying to forget the rough winter that plagued us all through the year.

We end now wishing the best of luck to everyone.

Support the film minor we worked so hard to get started. Take the classes and sign up at the Registrar.

Without those on campus now it will die as quickly as it started.

Then Bersett will have to go back to teaching Spanish instead of getting away with b.s.'n about Star Wars.

T & C out.

Chris Medjesky is a fifth-year physics major, who stuck around for an extra year just for the film studies minor. Tom Oyer is a senior sociology major and a film studies minor.

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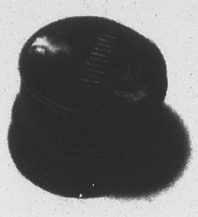

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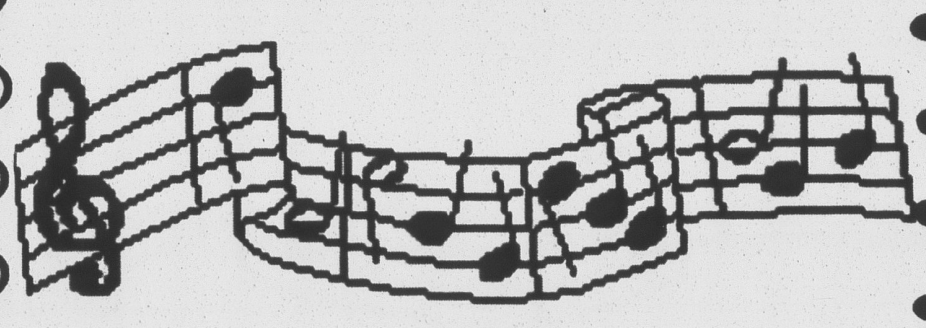

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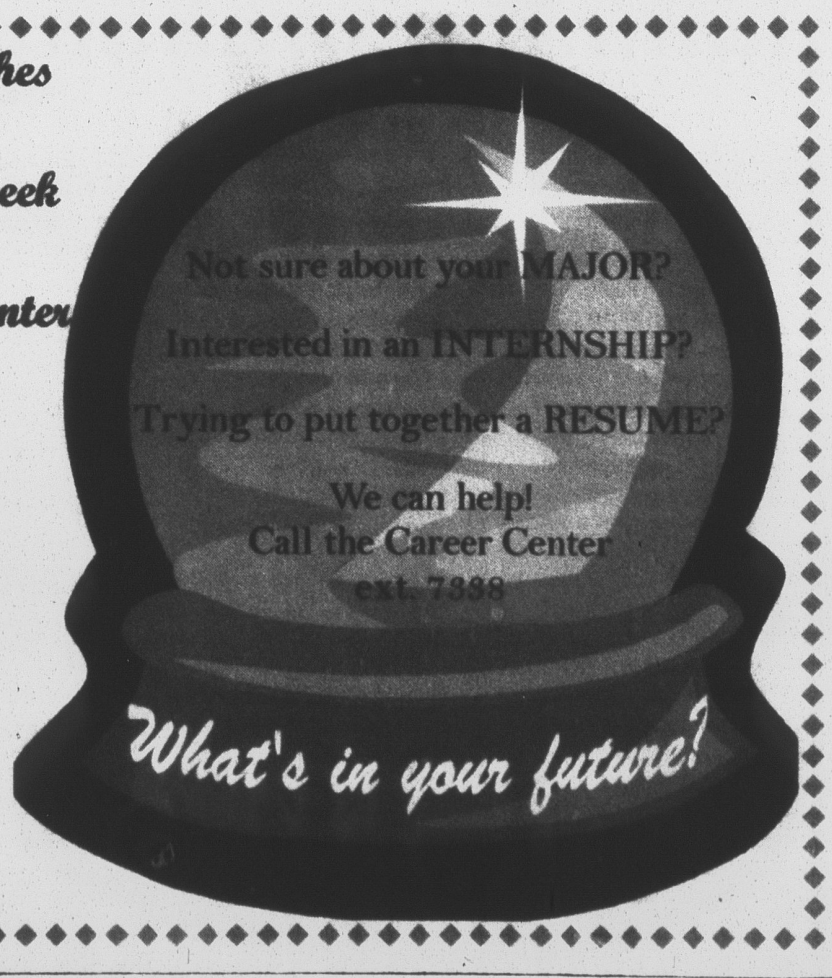

Calendar

April 29, 2005

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Arbor Day Planting of Seedlings — Field Station (Wilmington-Fayette Road)

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Ticket Sales for CPC's All-Campus Formal — MCC TUB and Info Desk

11:40 AM Chapel — Wallace Memorial Chapel

4:30 PM Environmental Science Capstone Presentation — "Small Mammal Trapping: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" — Hoyt 166

5:30 PM Junior Voice Recital: Matt Fodor — Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Dancing at Lughnasa — Beeghly Theater

7:30 PM Combined Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band Concert — Orr Auditorium

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Incredibles — MCC Mueller Theater

9:00 PM Concert/Informal Praise and Worship with Featured Group "Shaded Gray" — MCC Club

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Hotel Rwanda — MCC Mueller Theater

April 30, 2005

Volley Rock

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM Undergraduate Research Symposium — Hoyt Science Center

11:00 AM Spring Honors Convocation — Orr Auditorium

1:00 PM Honors Day Luncheon — MCC Witherspoon Rooms

3:00 PM Senior Voice Recital: Rachel Varine — Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:00 PM Mass — Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM Jazz Ensemble Spring Concert — Anderson Amphitheatre (inclement weather location: MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

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May 1, 2005

Men's Spring Golf Outing (All Day Tee Times (sign ups in Chapel Office) — Borland's

2:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Dancing at Lughnasa — Beeghly Theater

3:00 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller: The Incredibles — MCC Mueller Theater

3:00 PM Orchestra Concert — Orr Auditorium

7:00 PM Senior Vespers — Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Hotel Rwanda — MCC Mueller Theater

May 2, 2005

7:00 PM Peace Studies Guest Speaker: Stan Goff, Views on Iraq, "Bring Them Home Now!" — MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

7:30 PM Senior French Horn and Trumpet Recital: Cassandra Walker and Benjamin Sands — Orr Auditorium

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting — MCC Witherspoon Maple

9:00 PM Circle K Meeting — Patterson 231

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

May 3, 2005

Monday classes meet

CLASSES END

7:00 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Series: Bread and Tulips (2000 Italy) — MCC Mueller Theater

7:30 PM Students' Senior Recital: Cassandra Walker, French Horn; and Benjamin Sands, Trumpet — Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:30 PM Seekers College Fellowship — MCC Club/Lounge

9:00 PM Newman Club — MCC Witherspoon Maple

9:30 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting — TC 314

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night — MCC Club/Lounge

May 4, 2005

READING DAY

9:00 PM Cram Jam — Duff Dining Hall

May 5-9, 2005

FINALS

May 8, 205

3:00 PM Movie Matinee in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Worship by the Lake — Brittain Lake

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller — MCC Mueller Theater

May 10-13, 2005

Senior WeekWeek

May 14, 2005

10:30 AM Baccalaureate — Orr Auditorium

2:30 PM Commencement

Crossword

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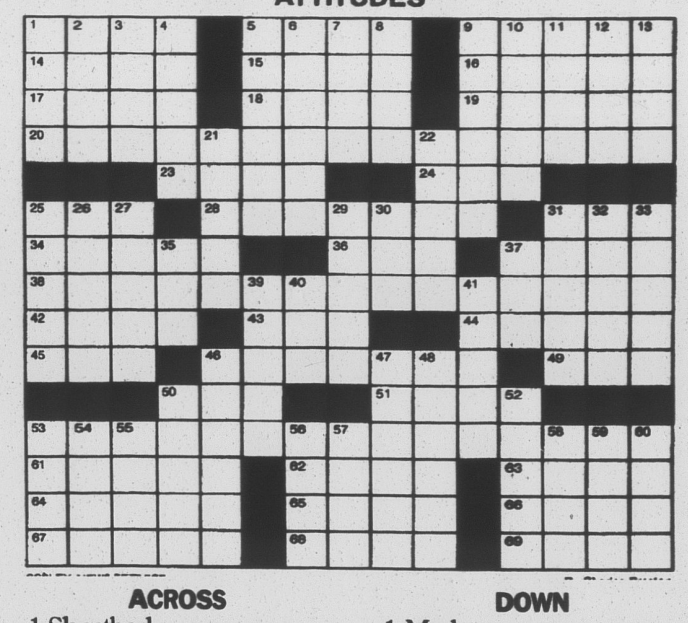

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45 Palindromic animal
46 Pismo's home
49 Before
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51 Soybean oil product
53 Completely gone
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62 Burlap plant
63 Gin flavor
64 Know-it-all, with 7 Down
65 America's Cup heading
66 Girlfriend of the Sundance Kid
67 First name in cosmetics
68 Sonneteer
69 "The Wind in the Willows" character

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12 Perry's creator
13 One with second sight
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29 Coin of the ___
30 Forty winks
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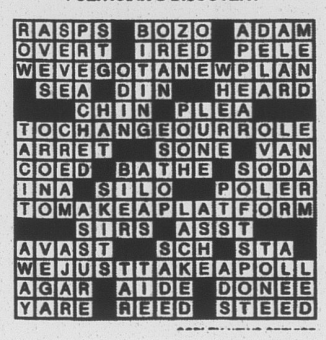
Last weeks's answers

POLITICIAN'S DISCOVERY



Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): No matter how big or small your fortune may be, it is yours to share. Count your blessings and offer aid to someone in need.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Present yourself honestly and be very careful not to mislead or to be misled by key individuals in your life. Play your cards above board.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Plan to spend some quality time outdoors. Discover the wonders and beauty of nature using all of your senses.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Visiting with friends or associates may put a sparkle in your eyes this week. Get together and share personal stories of conquest, triumph and success.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): It is time to take the initiative and set the stage for getting ahead in your career. Do your homework and be prepared to move up the ladder to claim your fame.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Look beyond the obvious in a nebulous situation. You will find that there is more to it than meets the eye. Stay alert; follow your instincts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Take time to study a joint financial plan or proposal. The likely result is prosperity due to shared resources.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Block out distractions and give a partner or mate your undivided attention. Share your concerns and come up with some ideas for solutions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Show off your talents and skills. Organize your thoughts and make an informed and impressive presentation to your colleagues or co-workers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): This would be a great time for you to relax, lighten up and have some fun. Turn to the children in your life for playtime instructions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Do not allow a recent disappointment to upset your peace of mind. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. Forgive, make amends and move on.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Fill your brain with uplifting ideas attained through reading or meditating with peers.

Senior Class Gift 2005

Thanks for participating!

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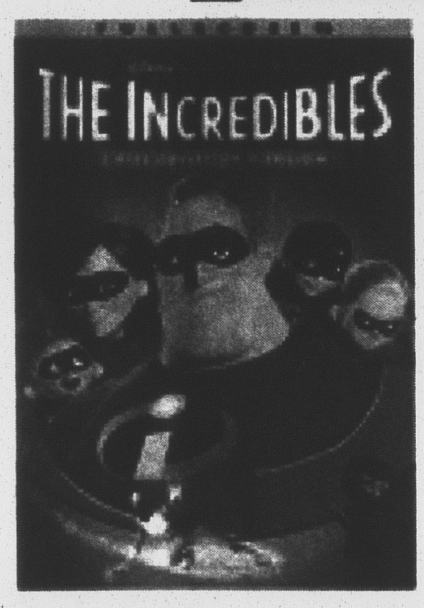
THE OPEN Hotel Rwanda

Incredibles



Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater

8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
3:00PM	Sunday	9:00 PM

FRIDAY!
Campus Ministries Concert
Nathan Stauffer (opening)
SHADED GRAY
9:00 pm
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

SATURDAY!
"Jazz Band Concert"
7:30 pm
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

Congratulations to the Club Room Seniors
General Manager - Jim Barrie
Student Worker - Ben Libert

Features

You can't take it with you: The best bits of WC

Laura Zorch
Feature Editor

How is it possible that I am writing my last Holcad column? Wasn't I just procrastinating and waiting to write my first article of the year like, yesterday?

I am going to get serious for a moment (GASP). It is amazing to me how we wish time away saying, "I can't wait for this week to be over!" But once we get to the end of something, case in point: a school year, and we want to move in slow motion.

That is the place I am in right now. It is surreal to be finishing my junior year; another step closer to living in my parents' basement, sucking down Cheetos, and realizing I wasted $100,000.

I feel old. (I can't imagine what you seniors must feel like. You should probably just head to an assisted living home in Florida right now and take your Buick Regal with you.)

However, I am also pretty positive there are countless numbers of you that are overwhelmed with excitement and anticipation to leave for several months of freedom… or in some cases, the rest of your life!

But I am still sad to be leaving, because I will be gone for an extended period of time. I'm heading to England for a semester.

Try to hold back your tears; I know it will be rough without me. The campus will be a little less comical with my absence. (I am so humble. Ha!)

I am going to miss this place. I compiled a small list of Westminster goodness that I can't take overseas:

1. The Tub cookies that make you re-evaluate what is important: either living a healthy, long life, OR having your heart stop because it can't compete with your other internal organs that are working overtime to digest the several dozen glorious cookie creations you just ate. Such a hard choice!

2. Getting totally stoked when you notice a new person on campus.

The realization that more than the same 75 people you see daily at W.C. go to school here is always a delightful shock. (I might be the only tool that this happens to, but I definitely think "aw, that's cute. More than 4 people come to Westminster!" when sighting a fresh face.)

3. Sharing a room the size of a refrigerator box with another person.

And if you have ever had the honor of entering my roommate's and my room, you know it's a sight to behold. We seem to believe that un-organization and not properly storing personal belongings is a good way to make our space more home-y or cozy.

We are sorely mistaken.

4. The campus community getting heated over issues like the website layout: put an assortment of awkward colors on the home page and folks pull out their brass knuckles, ready to fight in a back alley over it. That rules.

I'm sure there are more items I could add on to this mini-list of sorts. But in typical Laura fashion, I am two days past the Holcad deadline to turn in my article.

I guess it is just best to leave the way I came in, and just quote some hideous song (remember the Jo Jo fiasco?).

So Westminster, I think the Backstreet Boys new ditty says it best: "Without you, I feel incomplete." Yes, I just quoted Backstreet Boys.

I should probably be jailed for this. I am going to go turn myself in to the authorities right now.

Thanks for reading my ludicrous articles the past year. I'm not going to lie; it has been a sweet time.

So after I get out of the slammer from that BSB lyric mention, I will be out of the country and then back here in about 8 months. (Tears!)

Love you all! Cheerio Westminster!

Laura Zorch is a junior public relations and art double major. She is a champion of cookie consuming and donut devouring. Her future aspirations include marrying for money and cat herding.

Political Pong

What have you learned from all of this? Politics and life

Jessica Rummel
Resident Conservative

Yes, five faithful readers of this column, the rumors are true: this is the last issue of Political Pong (at least featuring Russ and I). It saddens me that I will no longer have a venue to vent my conservative frustrations.

I've sat here trying to remember what I was like when I first came to Westminster four years ago, and an epiphany came to me: I was an idiot.

I knew nothing about politics, or how to argue with people of other political persuasions, and I would have flunked any test on foreign policy.

I was that jackass that sat in the back and thought that everyone on welfare was just too lazy to get a job. Believe me, I learned my lesson. And although (to the dismay of our liberal professors) I have kept my core political beliefs, I have developed a more mature and realistic look on life.

So, in my final edition of Political Pong, I'd like to share with you my top three lessons I've learned while at Westminster.

Lesson # 1 Not every Democrat is Satan's spawn. All of my friends in high school were either Republicans or politically challenged, so I was always surrounded by yes-men who agreed with everything I said.

College friends, totally different story. Having a best friend, and subsequently most of my friends, on the opposite side of the political spectrum proved a bit challenging at first, and I soon learned that some things are better left unsaid. I also learned to appreciate and respect other people's opinions instead of drowning it out with Rush Limbaugh propaganda.

Lesson # 2 People on both sides are crazy. I used to think that my party only consisted of sensible business people who had a strong sense of morals and who wanted to earn everything they have, not have it handed to them.

I also thought that the Democrats were a bunch of tree huggers whose only real political goal was to legalize marijuana. After attending several republican conventions and observing the politically active community on campus, I've learned that my party has its share of nutballs.

We have the religious freaks that think they speak for God, or my least favorite, the uptight yuppies who think they're too good for everyone in an effort to hide the fact that they have no friends.

Granted, this is the minority of the republican party. Most of us are hard working moralistic people, not condescending idiots with WWJD stamped on our foreheads.

And yes, I realize now that not every democrat is a hippie or tree hugger, but they too have their crazy left wing radicals (anyone say PETA?)

Lesson # 3 I'm still an idiot. Even though these past four years have taught me a lot about real world politics, I still have a lot to learn.

Foreign policy still confuses me, welfare still ticks me off, and I'm not sure how great I am at debating other parties.

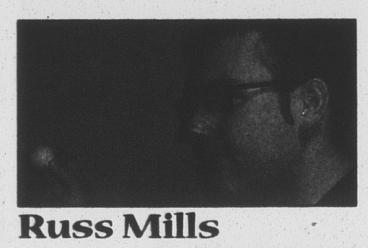
I'm heading off to graduate school at Georgetown University to get my masters in Government, maybe there I'll finally "master" the game that is politics.

But for now I'm just going to appreciate all that I have learned through my time here at Westminster and this column. That's right, sometimes reading Russ' side teaches me something. I said sometimes.

Goodbye mother fair Westminster! I only pray that some sarcastic conservative takes my place to piss off campus liberals.

May God, Buddah, Allah, or Dave Thomas bless you.

Jessica Rummel (aka right-wing nutjob) is a senior political science major. She suffers from an extreme case of senioritis and is probably going straight to hell.



Russ Mills
Resident Liberal

For our last ever Holcad debate, Jess and I decided to write about what we have learned politically from our time here at Westminster.

Let me begin by saying that I cannot believe I am graduating in two weeks and I suggest to all of you still here to enjoy your time you have left.

When I first came to Westminster, I was one of the most conservative Republicans I knew (I was even more conservative that Jess).

Jess and I co-founded the College Republicans and before you knew it I had made a name for myself as a conservative.

However, at the same time, a mystical transformation was taking place.

Under the guidance of my political science professors, Dr. Cohen, Dr. Grove, and Dr. Rhoads, I became more educated in politics.

I started to notice a correlation.

As I became smarter, I also became more liberal.

I started to stray from my conservative friends Mark Meighan and Bob Latta and became interested in liberal politics.

This brings me to the three most important things I have learned about politics:

1. Politics is about who you know not what you know.

The most obvious example of this little saying is our President George W. Bush.

Possibly the stupidest man to ever hold any public office, George has lived by this philosophy for his whole life and it works.

Obviously John Kerry was much smarter in politics than George W. Bush, but since Bush surrounded himself with much smarter people, he won the election.

This is also evident by my failed attempt to get an internship in Washington DC last summer.

Since I had no contacts in Washington DC, I watched several of my friends land successful internships while I remained here in Western Pa.

2. All politics are local.

This was one of the first concepts we learned in our political science courses and it has resonated with me until this day.

No matter what happens in Washington, all politicians have to answer to the people in their districts.

After my failed attempt at an internship, I realized that no one goes to the top of politics overnight.

People start at the local level and work their way up.

I am putting this principle into action by attending a Masters of Public Administration program at the University of Vermont.

3. Republicans are really not bad people.

It took me a while to get over this last concept, but I have.

It was hard for me to believe that the same people who want to go to war and produce deficits are really deep down good people.

However, some of my best friends are republicans and are really good people.

The fact that their view on politics is totally and utterly wrong does not make they bad people.

Well, it's been nice informing all of you out there about the greatness of the liberal agenda.

It is on to Vermont for this liberal, where my viewpoints will put me on the right side of the political spectrum.

Hopefully some day I will become a Senator from the state of Vermont and you can tell your kids, "I hated/loved that guy's articles."

Russ Mills is a senior political science major. He enjoys watching the Woodstock movie, while wearing his Birkenstocks, playing on his Apple computer and drinking Starbucks coffee.

Grubbin' with Greg

Food for thought and some advice for your stomach

Greg Smith
Grubbin' with Greg

It's hard to believe that it is already the end of the school year and that many of us will be graduating.

Some of the graduating seniors are moving on to bigger and better things, but most of us will probably be lucky if we land a job at the local Burger King.

In nostalgically reminiscing over the last four years I have realized that I have learned more outside of the classroom and inside of a restaurant, which makes me wonder why I payed so much to go to WC.

I'm not suggesting that the faculty or staff here are ill equipped, but they cannot provide that crucial real life experience the way that Pleasant the local King's Restaurant waitress can.

That's why I decided to write about what I've learned during my time at WC for my last column in the Holcad.

Think of it as a parting gift from an experienced senior to all of you underclassmen who still have a couple of years to endure here in the booming town of New Wilmington.

Lesson # 1. Never Eat at Isley's.

Sure it's part of the small town charm to have a small diner where all of the local elderly population love to eat.

Sure your parents might think that it looks like a cute place to grab a bite to eat when they come to visit you, not to mention that the meal is on them.

Sure you might even think that the people that work there are really friendly.

However, if you've ever eaten there you know that there is a chance that the food they serve you could potentially be left over scraps donated from Sodexho.

If you've dined there you'll also realize that a lot of the patrons that frequent there are very creepy and are most likely talking about you while they sit there at the lunch counter drinking their twelfth cup of 2 hour old coffee.

The real selling point as to why you should avoid Isley's is that you can go to Pizza Joes, Burger King, Wendy's, or any other fast food joint and get a larger, cheaper, and better meal than you can at Isley's.

Leson # 2. Never think about, go near, or even glance at the PO LunchBox in New Castle.

I believe I can sum it up best when I say that they are some crazy SOB's. Seriously.

Lesson #3. Eat as much cheese sauce as you can get your stubby little fingers on.

Scientific studies have shown that incorporating cheese sauce into your daily diet actually helps you to lose the pounds and look SEXY!

Ok, well maybe I'm lying, but you can't deny that cheese sauce is damn good and hard to come by.

Lesson #4. Put the minimal amount of dine dollars required on your Titan Card.

Honestly, the only way we can screw over Sodexho, as they frequently do to the student population, is by handing our money over to other places to feed us.

If you are uncomfortable with doing this in a mean spirited way, well then I think that you're a nanzy pansy.

But if it'll help you just think of it as outsourcing a job to another company that is cheaper, higher quality, and more efficient.

Lesson # 5. When there is free food at an event you better haul ass to the event and take advantage of it.

What more do I need to say?

Seriously who is stupid enough to pass up a free meal, even if it is provided by the dark and sinister forces of Sodexho.

If you haven't taken advantage of a free meal then you are most likely a freshman.

Trust me as you progress through your college career and your funds become smaller and smaller you won't have a choice but to accept the free meal.

Well that's about all of the advice that I can think of off the top of my head.

You really should commit these five lessons to memory, not because you'll be quizzed on this article but rather because it'll save you a lot of money, time, and awkward experiences.

Oh, there is one more thing that I did want to mention about next year. In case you weren't aware, Leah Mazzocca will be taking over this column next year.

Even though she is skinny listen to her advice as she has proven herself worthy of being in the fatty club.

Until next year' keep on grubbin.

Greg Smith is a senior political science major. He is co-founder of the Fatty Club, a support group for those with a thing for cheese sauce.

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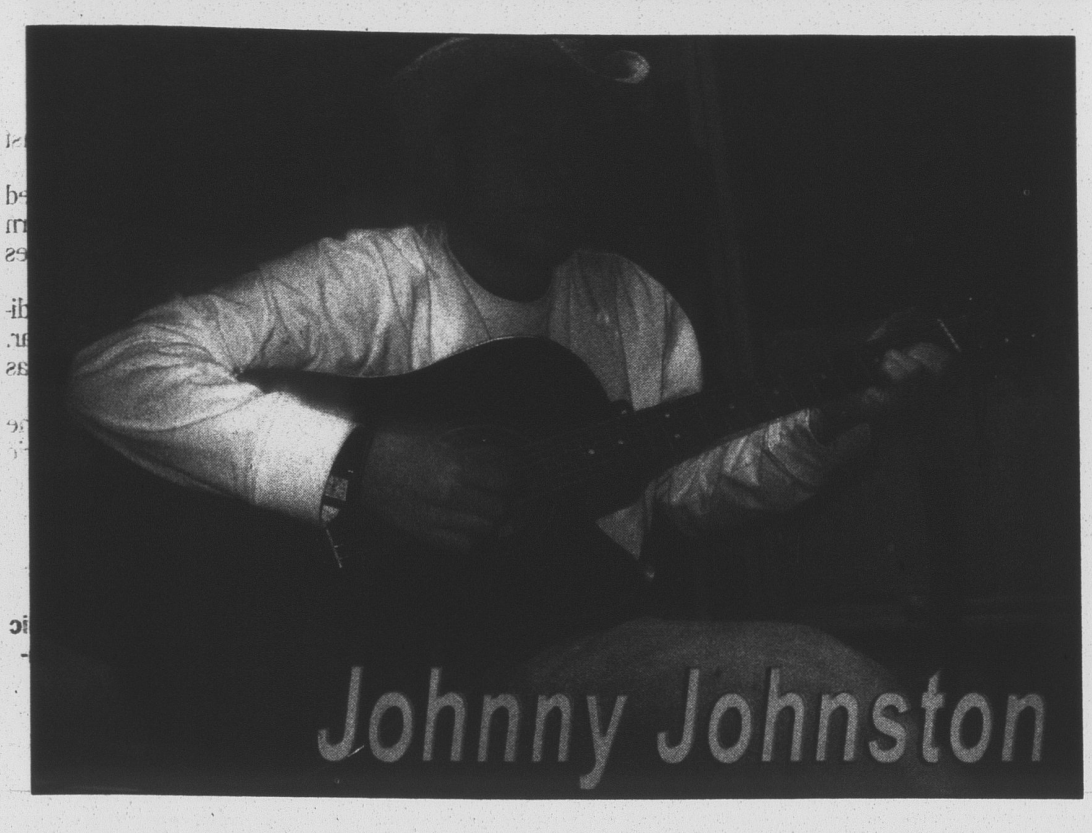
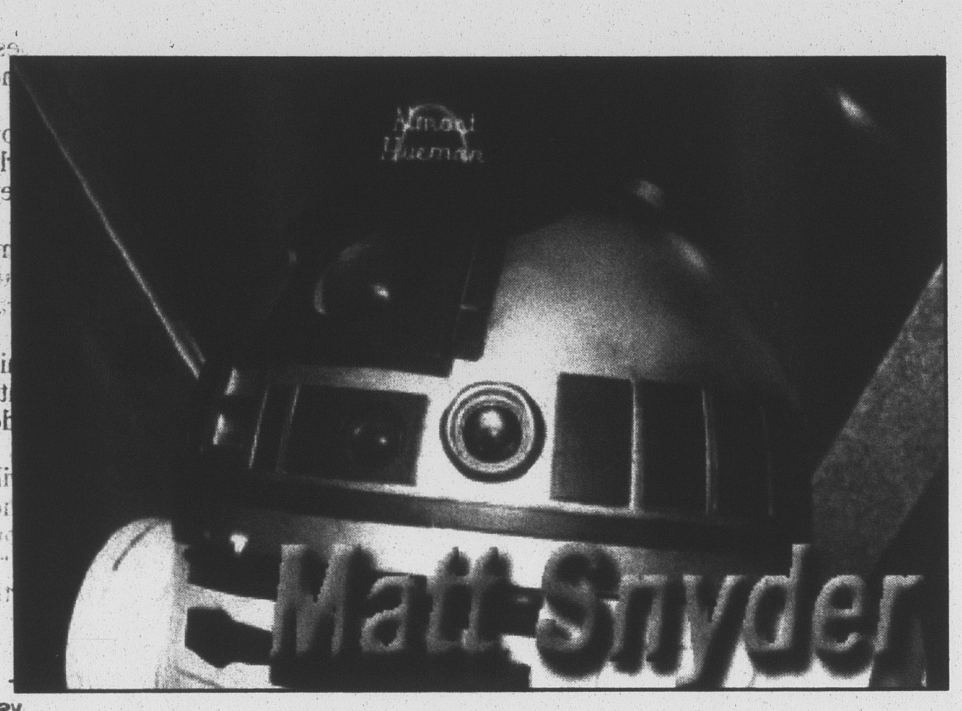


Name: Johnny Johnston
Major: Christian Education
Personal Motto: Do the thing you fear.
Plans after graduation: Moving to Pasadena for Seminary.
What will you take away from your experience with the Holcad?
Every person in a group is important if you want to get things done.
Greatest lesson while at WC?:
I have learned that this world is good but it is screwed up and that we can always hope for something better (I am not knocking WC, I have loved my time here).
If you could be any faculty member at Westminster, who would you be and why?
Kathy Koop, because she seems to love what she is doing and embracing who she is. I think that is very important in life.

Name: Greg Smith
Major: Political Science
Personal Motto: Screw it...everything will work out in the end.
Plans after graduation: Hopefully finding employment at any place aside from oh I don't know Burger King.
What will you take away from your experience with the Holcad? Probably 10-15 lbs of extra fat.
Celebrity Crush? Angelina Jolie...because you know she's 10 kinds of freaky in the bedroom.
What would you do for a nickel?
At this point in time the real question is what wouldn't I do for a nickel...



Name: Matthew Snyder
Major: English
Personal Motto: Chicks dig giant robots.
Plans after graduation: Pittsburgh . . . sure, we'll go with that.
What will you take away from your experience with the Holcad?
Journalism skills and the confident knowledge that I can pack away a 32-ounce steak at important banquet functions.
If you could have any super power, what would it be and why?
The ability to rapidly regenerate any injury. Purely for the practical joke value of being able to hurl yourself into traffic, off buildings, and onto cutlery.
Stranded on a desert island, who or what would you want with you?
A giant robot. Desert islands are good places to find radiated monsters to battle.

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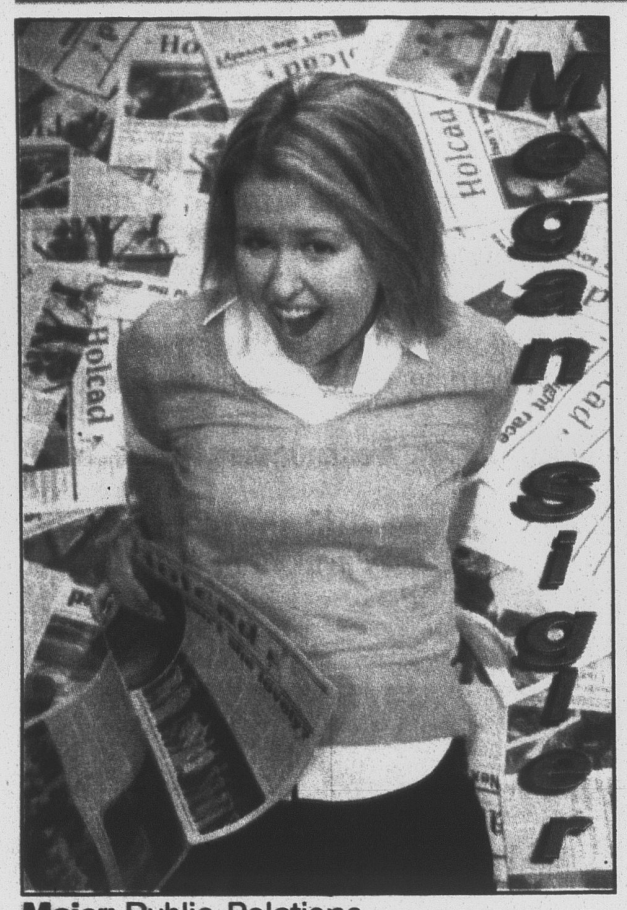
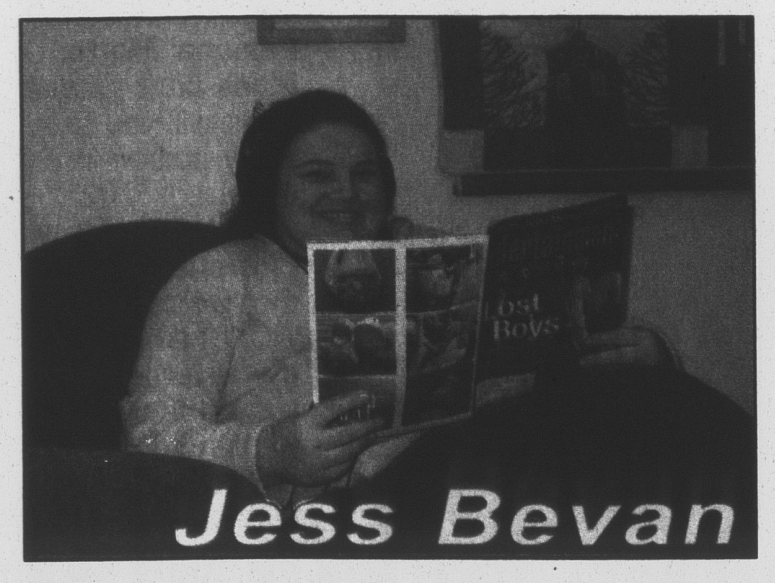
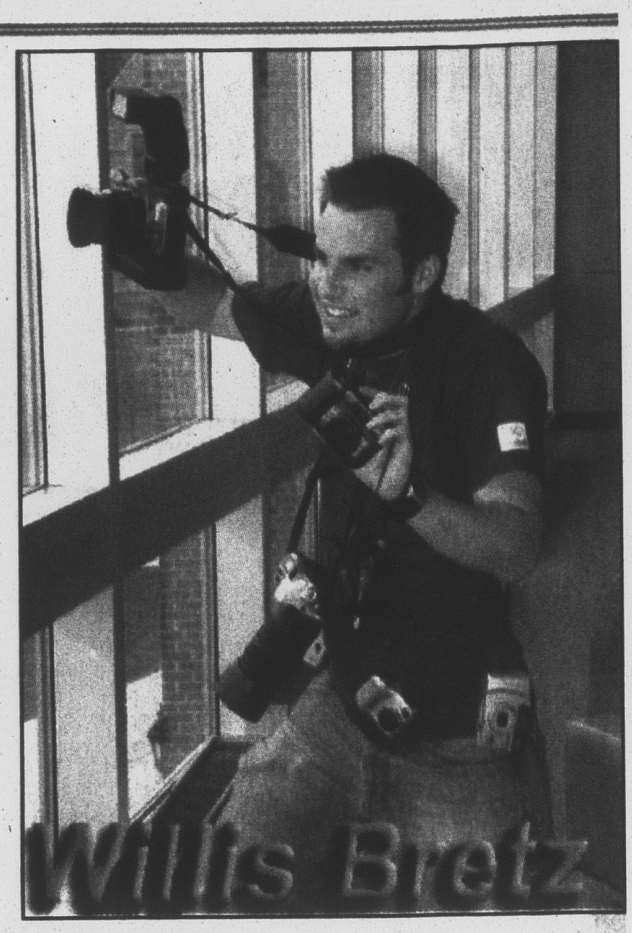


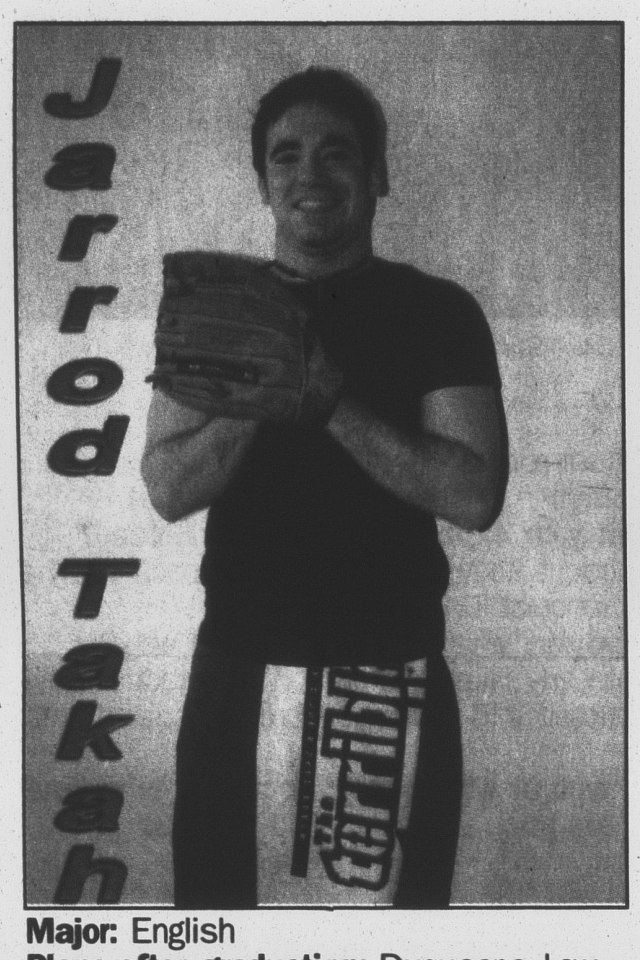
Major: Public Relations
Personal Motto: Print journalism is sexy.
Plans after graduation: Moving in with my professors until they get me a job.
Favorite pick-up line: I have replaced "I'm the editor of the Holcad..." with "Hey, wanna see me ribbon dance?"



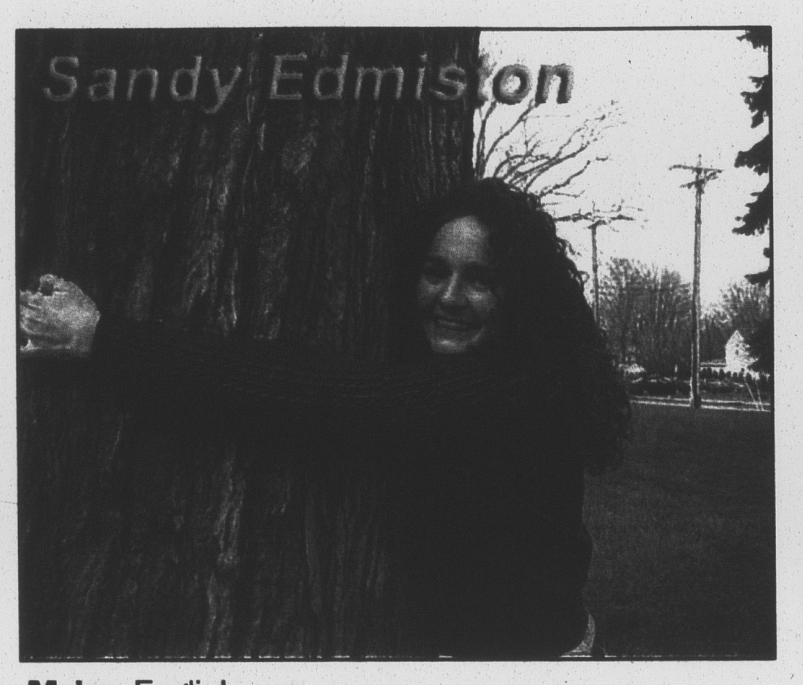
Major: English and public relations - I'm getting a B.A. in b.s.
Personal Motto: Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition...
Plans after graduation: Interning, selling my worldly goods on eBay, and working on getting into Pitt's Library Science program.
What will you take away from your experience with the Holcad? The need to copyedit everything I read, the ability to work under pressure, and an appreciation for a good mix CD.
If you could have any super power, what would it be and why?
Telekinesis. You never know when you'll need to be able to move large objects with your mind.



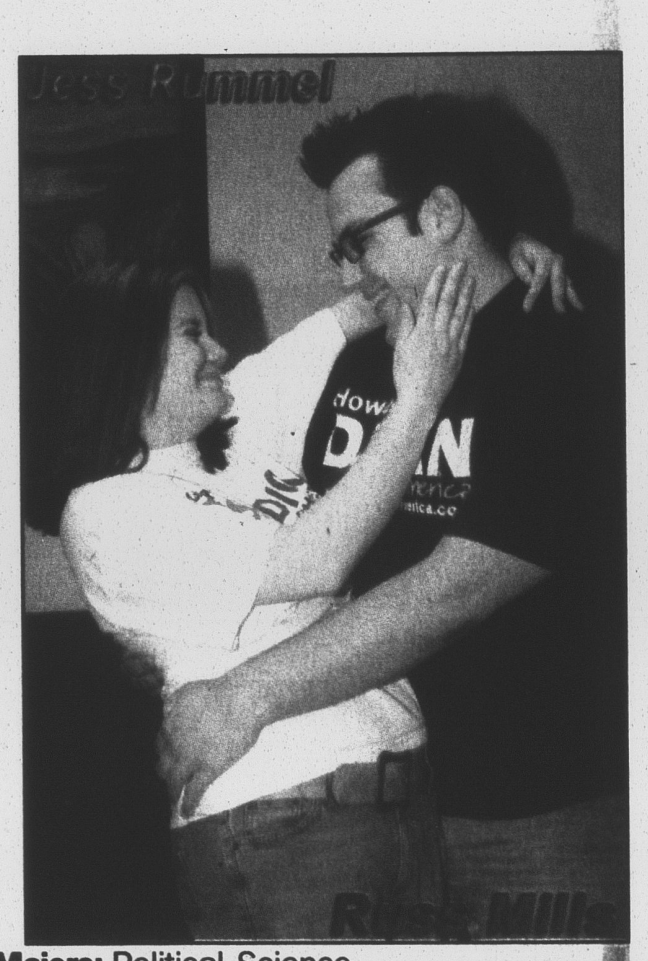
Major: History
Personal Motto: Chinese food is my anti-drug.
Plans after graduation: I would like to eventually open my own photography studio some day.
Favorite pick-up line: I have a huge lens.



Major: English
Plans after graduation: Duquesne Law School
Stranded on a desert island, who or what would you want with you?
Stranded on a desert island, I'd want Keira Knightley, an unlimited supply of Rolling Rock and Jack Johnson tunes. I'd never want to be found.
Pancakes or waffles? Waffles. They have niches; like interesting people.



Major: English
Personal Motto: No, actually, I'm not Amish.
Plans after graduation: Something involving trees.
What will you take away from your experience with the Holcad? Never write anything you're not 100 percent sure you stand behind.
Favorite pick-up line: Is it hot in here or is it just global warming?
If you could be any faculty member at Westminster, who would you be and why?
Dr. Wastvedt, so that I could dress snazzy and control the whole English department. Muwahaha...



Majors: Political Science
Rummel's plans: Grad school at Georgetown
What did Rummel learn from the Holcad? That a lot of people disagree with me most of the time.
Russ' plans: Grad school at University of Vermont and working for the Snelling Center for Government Research
Russ' favorite pick-up line: "Hey, I'm the Greek Week MVP, wanna...?"

Major: Theatre and Political Science
Plans: University of Minnesota for an MFA in Theatre Set/Properties Design.
What have you learned from the Holcad? That there is no pleasing some people.
If you could have any super power? Flight, that would kick ass.

Chris' Major: Physics & Mathematics
Personal Motto: There's comedy in everyone's sadness.
What will you take away from your experience with the Holcad?
The ability to realize that most people want to know if a movie is good or bad, not if it's going to win an Oscar or not!

Tom's Major: Sociology (Film Studies Minor)
Personal Motto: Being weird is a lot better than being boring
What will you take away from your experience with the Holcad? Its really gonna suck to have to pay for my own movies now!
If you could be any faculty member, who would you be and why? Dr Mitchell, because she met Diane Keaton!

Major: Elementary "Don't start on me about it!" Education
Plans: Go on "Big Brother" and win half a million dollars!
Celebrity Crush? MacGyver, hello! Can anyone else look that good with a mullet?

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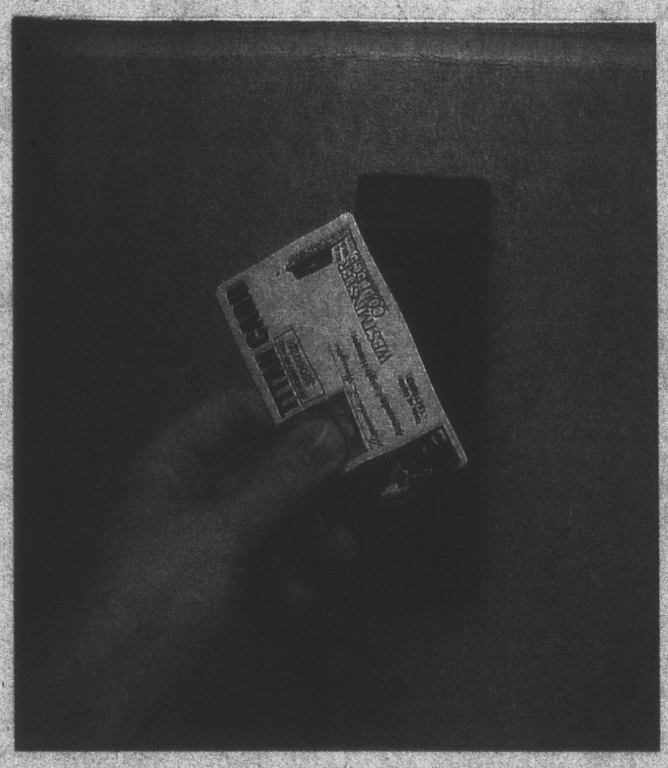

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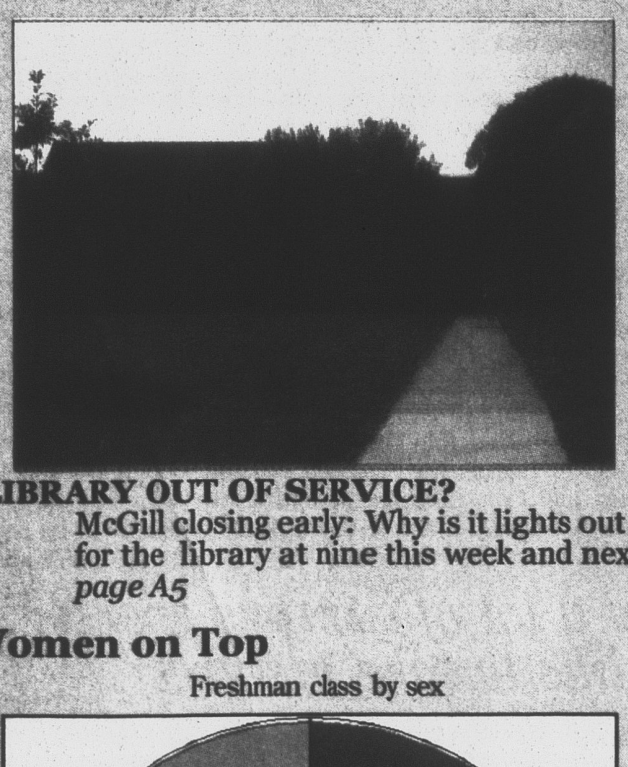

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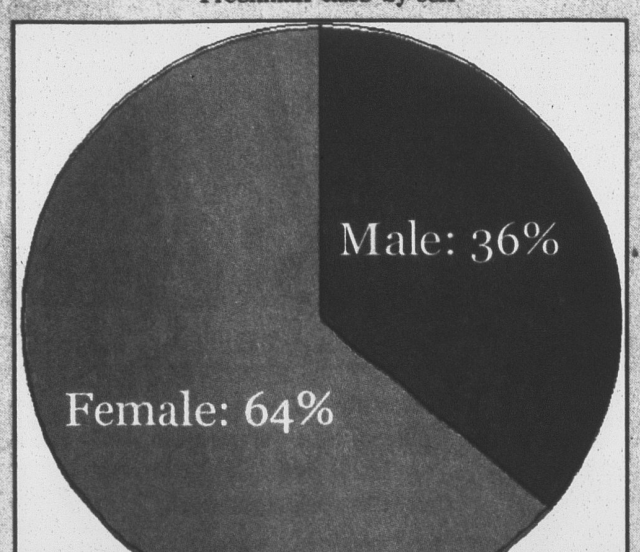

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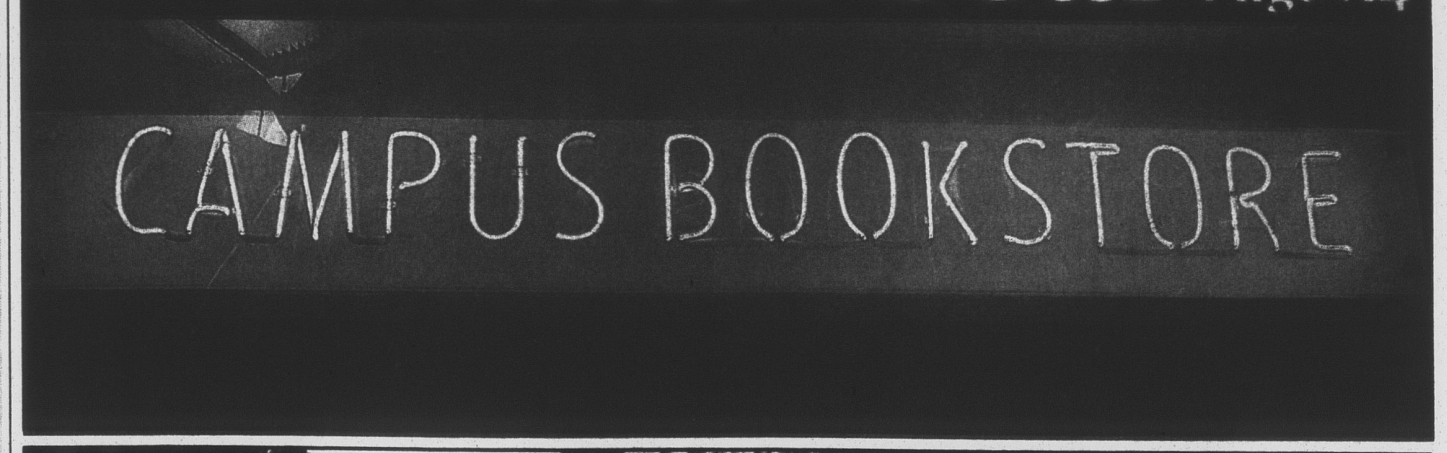

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Football players Steven Smith and Randy Sylvester and Fresh Start volunteer Ashley Johnson were just three of the many people who helped freshmen move in last Friday, August 26.

Back to the future?

Old academic requirements become new under recent criteria changes

By Chip Hothem
Staff Writer

When students from the class of 2009 walk the senior terrace at graduation, they will receive their diploma under different requirements than current upperclassmen. Dr. Jesse Mann, vice president of academic affairs, announced to the Fresh Start staff on Thursday, Aug. 25 that the graduation qualifications are now lower for first and second year students.

They will graduate with 128 credit hours instead of the required 132, will not need to fulfill a community service project and will not take a second semester of Inquiry. The first-year students, however, must now pass Inquiry, something which sophomores, juniors and seniors needed not do in the past.

Upon hearing this information, junior Matthew Kerns posed a question. "Would such changes devalue the upper class students' diplomas?"

Kerns, like other concerned upper class students, believes that the change in the system is not beneficial for Westminster's reputation. "Because our diploma is only as valuable as the school's reputation, ten years or more down the road when we say that we graduated from Westminster, the projected image of the school for that time will be of the lesser standards," Kerns said.

Mann explained that the lesser requirements are not new to Westminster. "What we did, was we went back to the older Westminster criteria," Mann clarified in a later interview. "This is the criteria that existed from the 1970s to the spring of 1996."

Mann explained that the revisited standards are intended to address the grow-

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Campus wallets, doors open to Katrina victims

By Jaimee Davis
Staff Writer

While community service is no longer a requirement for a diploma, the spirit of community service on campus has not ceased to exist. In light of the tragedy that has befallen the South in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, a number of campus organizations have organized fundraisers and supply drives to support the cause.

Rev. Jim Mohr was one of the first on campus to make a public statement about proactive opportunities students could take. In an all-campus email, he encouraged students to "spend time in prayer…give money…[and] create ways to raise funds." He also reported that all donations made to Westminster would be distributed evenly between the American Red Cross and the Presbyterian Disaster Service.

Over the past week, most organizations have had their first meetings of the semester, where they discussed ways to raise money for Katrina survivors. Currently, an all-campus penny war is in the works with the Campus Ministries. Habitat for Humanity and the swim team are sponsoring a special collection at the Homecoming football game on Saturday, September 24. In addition, Alpha Phi Omega is planning to sell spaces on a rainbow banner to color in to represent hope after the storm. They are also tentatively putting together a DDR-4-KATRINA event for the last weekend in September.

Any student that has walked into the TUB over the last week may have noticed the sisters of Kappa Delta tabling for relief efforts. The KD National President is from the affected area, and the effort has been nationalized via their website. The KDs are raising money for a new organization called "KiDs need to be KiDs." According to the KD national website, "The campaign 'KiDs need to be KiDs' addresses the emotional needs of young victims. While many other organizations like the Red Cross are working to meet the basic needs of hurricane victims, such as drinking water, food and temporary housing, Kappa Delta is providing comfort and support to those children whose lives are in chaos." KD Philanthropy Chair, junior Ashley Young encourages Westminster students to give a little to each organization that is trying to raise funds: "We decided to raise money and awareness for this cause because all needs are important when a disaster so tragic occurs. It doesn't matter whose organization sends the most or raises the most awareness. I'm sure most students can't imagine losing everything... which is exactly why we need to support the victims, if not financially, then even through a prayer."

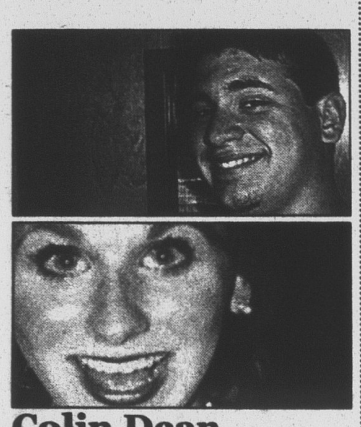
The efforts from student organizations don't stop with Greek Life, however. Titan Radio is organizing two live remote broadcasts to raise money for those victimized by Hurricane Katrina. The two sessions will take place Tuesday, September 13, 2005, in the TUB from 11-1 and in front of Sky Bank in New Wilmington on Friday, September 16, 2005, also from 11-1. Titan Radio 88.9's goal is to raise $890 from the broadcasts. "All the people at Titan Radio are really adamant about helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Even though we're far away, we still want to help, and we thought raising money would be a good place to start," senior Amy Sasfai said.

Even small efforts such as committee meetings taking up small collections are taking place. The WCSSO is taking up a collection from their first meeting to add to the collection that will be taken up on Homecoming weekend. Some individuals can easily access a way to contribute online; most search engines and websites include an area to donate to the cause. Websites such as NOLA.org, livewire.fm, and fema.gov have assembled pages to be a main information center for those in need or wanting to contribute.

Consummating the relief efforts on campus, the college will be opening its doors to as many as twelve college students who were victims of the hurricane. The prospective students will receive free tuition, room and board, and books if they apply by September 20 and are in good academic standing at their current institution. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims of Hurricane Katrina," Westminster College President R. Thomas Williamson said. "We are close to capacity on campus, but will welcome the new students with open arms and hearts."

opinions/editorials op/ed

New editors take captain's chair



Colin Dean
Kathryn Larson
Co-editors-in-chief

Welcome to one big vessel of burden! That, according to the glorious Dictionary.com, defines a "holcad."

Now, this past week, the Greek-derived 121-year-old tradition swabbed the smooth bust of our fair land-locked Westminster, raised the proverbial blue and white mast and, now, sets sail into her maiden voyage of the year.

This first issue, we hope, isn't fair and midland. It was navigated with a fine-tuned sextant critically scouting out all the major docks of writing and industry.

Although we plan on plenty of irascible storms, your illustrious editors, Colin and Kathryn, will try, weekly, to project the most newsworthy, classy and enterprising stories known to Westminsterian mankind.

This year, we'll navigate into foreign seas, slay unruly sea-monsters/administration, chart new maps/lay out and, sometimes, even find buried treasure or pirate booty.

But, tonight, as we burn the midnight oil, our fingers tangoing keyboards in our third-floor ivory tower; we keep watchful eye for our vessel, hoping she'll get her Westminsterian land-legs soon.

Colin is a junior computer science major and writing minor with a penchant for journalism. He can often be found wandering through the TUB with a bottle of green tea. He has vowed to learn how to use the aformentioned sextant.

Kathryn is a senior broadcast communications and English major. She likes pearls and Tucker Carlson-style bowties. Gavin Degraw groped her this summer. He wasn't wearing a bowtie, so she wasn't interested.

Letter to the Editor

Acceptance comes only after hours?

There is this entire subculture- a group of individuals living on the periphery of mainstream society- that will never be accepted as "normal". They congregate in dark, smoky basements and clubs; they hide their faces in mood lighting; they are shunned from the basic, inalienable rights of the rest of the western world.

I stepped briefly into this world one night, and though I was not a part of it; I was allowed to observe. I was not in some remote city that is faceless and nameless. I was in Pittsburgh, I was on Westminster's campus, I was everyplace that you the average student goes everyday. And this subculture, these spurned people, they are simply another son, daughter, sister, brother, friend. They are in your classes, your clubs, and your dorms. They are just like you. Yet at the same time are hidden below ground as maybe a product of Dante's Minos slinging his mighty tale—throwing them down into the far recesses of the seventh layer of hell. Here, these "sodomites" appear not humans but abnormal freaks. They lament their fate—not to be acknowledged.

These people, my friends and fellow peers, deserve something more than a dark, smoky exile. They deserve understanding, unquestioned acceptance, and all those things we take for granted. The gay community needs to become part of the everyday, not part of the dark night, hidden as though we are ashamed they exist.

As I sit at my computer, I wonder what would it take for this new "abnormality" to be deemed "normal" and accepted? From a historian's perspective, any new idea or movement always takes time to become a part of mainstream thinking, sometimes even hundreds of years. For example, the early Christian Church was persecuted for years before it was accepted among the powerful of the Roman Empire. For hundreds of years Christians were killed for their beliefs. Now, thousands of years later in the Western world, Christianity has become the norm, the majority. So, if something as radical as believing in a single god rather than a whole pantheon of deities is possible, could it ever be possible that the template of sexuality and love of man/woman that we accept as normal be changed to man/man or woman/woman? Could homosexuality ever become more than just tolerated? Could it perhaps become unquestioned as normal, and maybe expected even?

Change in culture is slow. Trends come and go; they fashion in and out and then back again. But sexuality has always been problematic. It falls in the gray area of morality and ethics, subjective to the prevailing winds of culture and conservatism. Headway is being made, exposure in media and politics has increased the rights granted gays and lesbians. On television and in movies the gay character has become the new token minority in the way that blacks and Hispanics have been. A handful of states have become brave and legalized gay marriage. A few protestant groups have given gay and lesbian clergy rights in the church, blessing unions and ordaining. But when you think about what gays and lesbians are actually allowed, are they truly becoming accepted or simply being put in another box, stereotyped and confined? We say that they are accepted, tolerated, gaining rights, but in reality aren't we simply creating hurtful stereotypes that hinder any real progress? Will and Grace has become a top ten sitcom, loved by many. But do shows like that give exposure to the cause, or harm it by condoning easy platitudes?

In the end, I can only ask questions, continue to look, but never give any definite answers. I only know that an entire group of people have been exiled to the outskirts of our society. And while I loved dancing in that dark basement to a dance remix of Britney Spears, I look for the day when I can dance with my friend anywhere and not see the look behind eyes that questions- am I being accepted?

Mariella Volker
Sophmore

Want to write a letter to the editor? Here's the rules.

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Our View

At the beginning of every college semester in America, if not the world, students buy books. Students' biggest complaint about this process is the extreme cost of the books. Purchases can sum to more than $600, depending on the student's major.

The source of this money varies. Some students are able to pay for it themselves out of savings or checking accounts, while others use credit cards to stave off the debt for at least a month.

Some students' parents cover the cost of books, while other students are fortunate enough to have a scholarship or grant that covers their supplies.

If you go to http://www.westminster.edu/admissions/financial_aid/finaid_cost.cfm, the Cost of Attendance sheet for the college, you will see a line with the description "Books & Personal Expenses." For the 2005-2006 school year, this cost is estimated to be $1,800.

That line is included on financial aid statements; however, it is not included on the bill from the college. Instead, it is expected to come out of a student's pocket, or their parents' pocket.

The Holcad proposes this to the college: why not include this item on the bill?

We see it working like this: the student's bill has a line on it entitled "personal supplies." This money, we'll say $500 of the $1,800 quoted in the Cost of Attendance worksheet, would then be payable in the lump sum in which students pay the remainder of their college bill, no matter how the bill is paid, be it out-of-pocket, credit card, or loan. The $500 is then put on a student's Titan Card.

This money can be used for anything from Greek trinkets in the bookstore to meats and treats from the vending machine, but it is intended to be used on books. Once they are available, students can spend this $500 on their books.

This way, students are more likely to buy their books at the college's bookstore rather than online or at another school. This then increases the bookstore's profits while making it easier for students to make sure that they get all their books - the right books - at the same time.

In the event that a student chooses to buy their books elsewhere, they have the $500 on the Titan Card to use at the vending machine or in place of dine dollars, or even - bless us for being hopeful for it - using it to buy meals, or at least coffee and pizza - hint, hint - in town. This $500 would carry over from semester to semester just like normal Titan dollars. Anything unused upon graduation would be refunded to the student to help with loan payments or could be used as part of a senior gift.

Including the figure on the bill also lets students pay for their books over time at, assuming they pay the bill with a bank loan, rates better than credit cards, instead of paying for it all at once, thus leaving a gaping hole in their wallet.

Poor communication hurts

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

It seems like the school only tells us what they think we need to know, which apparently isn't much.

Opinions. Everyone has one, but most people would rather not hear anyone else's. I figure this has one really good reason. Listening to other people's opinions might potentially mean having yours questioned, which we all know is the most horrible thing that could happen to a person. I mean, who wants to have to completely rework their opinion if someone else's makes sense? That takes too much time and effort.

Let's take a moment to pause and admit that it's really hard to show sarcasm in print. You just can't convey that vocal tone which loudly declares that you really think everyone who feels this way is full of themselves. However, I digress.

The point I'm trying to make is that I have found myself in a position where I will do nothing but spout my opinion, whether or not it makes sense. If you find this to be a bad thing, then go read the rest of the paper. I have heard a rumor that the comic is pretty awesome this year.

The problem, as I see it, is that there is an enormous lack of communication on the campus. I get the feeling that the reason for this is because no one wants to hear the opinion of the other people on the topic. Instead of actually doing something about the issues they don't like, they politely swear in the safety of their own rooms and then fall asleep and forget about it. I don't want that.

In the three full years I have been here, I have noticed a lot of poor communication. This happens with most frequency between the students and the school.

The school announces giant changes, like when the student worker plan was reworked, during small meetings that just happen to fall during class times. Of course, there are also issues that are bigger than our campus, like the enormous gas bill Westminster has to pay off, or when there was a creepy guy stealing underwear from the female dorms.

It seems like the school only tells us what they think we need to know, which apparently isn't much.

It's getting to the point that there's no communication between anyone. Over the summer, I was living in an unclean room 17 in Browne because the college told the Physical Plant to clean the wrong room, and then called me and told me I had 24 hours to find help to move all of my belongings and get out of Eichenauer. By the time anyone realized what had happened, all of my stuff was already in Browne. The physical plant felt horrible about the whole thing, as I had a few of the staff apologize to me after it was all said and done. To them, I give a hearty "thumbs up" for taking a moment to talk to me about it.

The point I'm trying to make is that you, dear Westminster faculty, staff, and students, need to start speaking up and letting your opinions known. People might not like what you have to say, but it's the only way to keep things from falling apart.

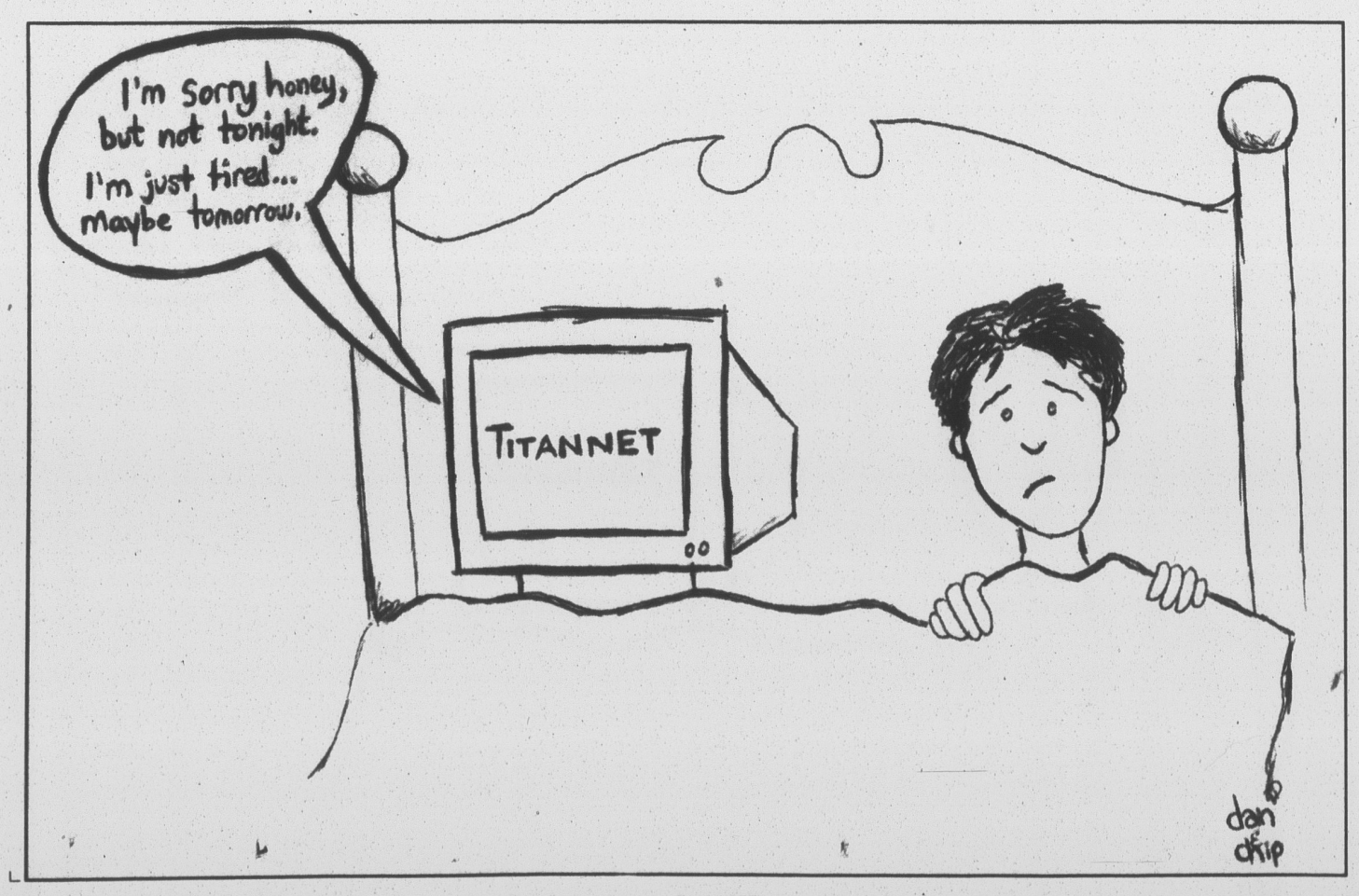
Of course, you have every right to disagree with me and write us back. I would like your opinion, after all.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. He spends most of his spare time nursing an addiction to "Kool-Aid Jammers" and creating insane theories about dinosaurs. If you see him on campus, give him a cookie. This will please him, as well as shut him up until you can escape.

Do you go to a lot of campus events? Do you like to take pictures?

If so, you could be a photographer for the Holcad!

The Holcad is looking to add one or two additional photographers for the 2005-2006 academic year. To apply, email the Holcad or stop by our office to pick up an application. You will also need to submit some photos you have taken in the past year or two.



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Westminster Outside the Bubble

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Hurricane Brings Students to WC

About a dozen students studying in the hard hit areas of New Orleans will arrive at Westminster College in order to continue their education. The college wants to help students who survived Hurricane Katrina by giving them free tuition and room and board for the semester. Campus officials say they'll host up to dozen displaced students to keep them on track with their studies at their home institutions.

Disaster Declared

Governor Ed Rendell asked President Bush for federal aid this week declaring a disaster emergency in the state of Pennsylvania. The proposal suggests the immediate transfer of 50 million dollar to Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for support of state agencies like the National Guard. An additional 25 million dollars is requested to cover expenses incurred from the relocation of refugees. If the request is approved, the federal government can reimburse state agencies for their assistance in this disaster emergency.

9-11 Memorial

This Sunday marks the fourth anniversary of the tragedy on September 11, 2001. Organizers announced plans this week to unveil a memorial to the victims of Flight 93. S Organizers hope to raise around 30 million dollars in private money for the project.

Beer for Sale

Sunday, September 4 marked the first Sunday that licensed beer distributors in Pennsylvania could legally sell beer.

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board passed a law in July that approved licensed stores to open from noon until five o'clock on Sundays. Supporters of the law hope it will stop the decline of beers sales within the state.

Weaver's WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1.) Who has President Bush nominated to replace the late Chief Justice William Rehnquist on the U.S. Supreme Court?
- Michael Brown
- John Roberts
- Elizabeth Dole
- John Ashcroft
- None of the above

2.) How did the Westminster administration respond this week to the Hurricane Katrina disaster?
- The college will send used textbooks to the affected areas.
- The college is sponsoring a series of blood drives for the American Red Cross.
- The college is offering free tuition and room and board to up to a dozen victims.
- The college is training relief workers this weekend on campus for deployment next week.
- Westminster is offering to send faculty to help teach at Spring Hill College in Mobile, AL.

3.) This week Lawrence County Treasurer Gary Felasco faced formal charges of embezzling nearly $50,000 from taxpayers. Who filed those charges?
- Lawrence County District Attorney Matt Mangino
- Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett
- U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania Mary Beth Buchanan
- Mercer County District Attorney James Epstein
- U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales

4.) Fill in the blank. The Pittsburgh Pirates fired _____ this week.
- Kevin McClatchy
- Michael Brown
- Michael Chertoff
- Lloyd McClendon
- Pete Mackanin

5.) This week Governor Rendell announced he wanted state lawmakers to pass legislation to raise what in Pennsylvania?
- the drinking age
- the state sales tax
- the minimum wage
- the state income tax
- the speed limit

6.)Who is the director of FEMA?
- Michael Brown
- Michael Chertoff
- USAF Lt. General Russell Honore
- Ray Nagin
- John Roberts

Answers: 1)b. 2)c. 3)b. 4)d. 5)c. 6)a.

Weekly, Mr. Weaver, one fine broadcast professor, crafts a news quiz for his students, He's a big deal, and people know him. He wants Westminster to stay classy by showing off our amazing and vast local, national and international knowledge. So, if you want to look smart on that next blind date or just impress Jerry at the TUB- read it weekly!

Ripped from the Wire

Regional
Locking gas caps?

Locking gas caps becoming scarce as gas prices soar

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Locking fuel caps are becoming the latest must-have automotive accessory as gas prices spike, retailers said.

"I've never seen anything like this before. These things were collecting dust," said Brian Drake, who works at Bridgeville Auto Parts. "We can't even get them from suppliers. We've placed a couple orders. We're still waiting for them."

The Pep Boys store in Robinson also ran out.

Dave Snyder, a Pep Boys sales associate, said the locking caps sold out in a week when normally just one cap a month is sold.

He said a few customers told him that their tanks had been siphoned. Several police departments around Pittsburgh said they had not received reports of siphoning, though some police expect it may happen.

"It's getting to be like it was back in the '70s when we had gas rationing," said Bill Kozel, owner of Kozel Auto Parts in Bethel Park. "We went through a ton of them back then. They don't seem to be selling as much as they did back then. A lot of the cars now have a secure door on them. You don't need a locking gas cap for that."

At the Auto Supermarket in North Huntingdon, between 20 and 30 locking caps were sold since Thursday.

."It would take a good while to sell that many," said salesman Wayne Fowler.

Some stores said they were having difficulty getting resupplied by Stant, a primary manufacturer of locking caps.

According to Stant's Web site, it invented the locking cap in 1932 because of gas thefts during the Great Depression.

Officials from the company could not be reached Sunday.

Regional
Gas prices in PA

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - With gasoline prices exceeding $3 a gallon, Gov. Ed Rendell said Tuesday he would allow stations with older, mechanical pumps that cannot display the higher prices to temporarily sell gas by the half-gallon.

Rendell said he has asked the Department of Agriculture, which regulates pumps in 41 of the state's 67 counties, to allow the half-gallon sales at eligible stations.

They would still advertise the full-gallon price on their street signs while displaying the half-gallon price at the pump, Rendell said.

"Most retail gas stations in Pennsylvania can display per-gallon prices over $3, but we need to accommodate those that cannot," he said.

Unlike stations with pumps that display gas prices electronically, those with mechanical pumps cannot compute per-gallon prices that exceed $2.99, said Kent Shelhamer Jr., director of the agriculture department's bureau of ride and measurement standards.

Station owners with older pumps can buy special upgrade kits, which cost between $300 and $400 per pump, enabling them to sell gasoline at higher prices, Shelhamer said. But if the price dips below $3 per gallon, they would have to change kits because the new ones cannot go below that level, he added.

"This will give them special dispensation for the next couple of weeks," Shelhamer said. "I think the price is going to go back down."

Up to 6,500 gas pumps, or about 10 percent of all Pennsylvania pumps, would be eligible to dispense gas by the half-gallon at stations, Shelhamer said.

Station owners must have proof that they have purchased a gas-pump upgrade kit and provide a "reasonable date" by which the equipment will be installed.

Regional
Katrina crowds a PA home

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) - Twenty adults and 19 children showed up at Patricia and Timothy Edwards' house a few hours before dawn Sunday, and now it's their home, even if some have to sleep four to a bed.

Mattresses and sleeping bags are scattered everywhere, from the second floor to the basement and out onto the screened porch. The washing machine runs nearly nonstop, and meals are a major production _ cooked in restaurant-sized pots.

But it doesn't matter to the couple's relatives: They've managed to stick together no matter how far they've run from Hurricane Katrina and the devastation it caused their communities in southern Louisiana.

Patricia Edwards, a New Orleans native who works as a machinist in a Lancaster candy factory, opened her home to all her extended family after her 72-year-old mother, Beatrice Duplessis, told her they had nowhere to turn.

"I said, 'Wait a minute, stop right now.' I didn't think twice: 'Bring them all, I don't care,'" she said.

The Edwardses and their family are now living "like sardines in the can," Patricia Edwards said. But surprisingly, there is order amid the chaos _ thanks to the continual cleaning and organization and the new super-size approach to food (an applesauce container in the dining room was the size of a paint can).

For the hurricane refugees, the focus is now on assembling life's bare necessities _ as on Tuesday, when a neighbor's donation of new underwear, diapers and baby supplies was eagerly divided up.

"The clothes that we did have were the clothes on our back," said Bryant L. Major, 33.

Major left Violet, La., with his wife, Leile, and their three young children the night before the storm hit. The Majors scraped together about $500, and their Pontiac Bonneville joined the six-car caravan for what they figured would be a short stay in Texas.

A few days later, with money running low, the group got word the Edwardses would take them in, so they left their crowded hotel rooms in Dallas to drive 1,200 miles to a leafy neighborhood in an area of south-central Pennsylvania best known for its Amish population.

"I've got to start all over again," said Major, a painter and sandblaster by trade. "I don't plan to go back to New Orleans, none of us are."

Most of the family are from Violet, about 10 miles southeast of New Orleans, and a few are from New Orleans. News stories and phone calls with survivors have convinced them that not much remains of their belongings, their homes and their neighborhoods.

The 39 evacuees, ranging in age from 7 months to 72 years, arrived at 4 a.m. Sunday; most had gone nearly a week without a hot meal. They were hungry, exhausted and relieved to have found a safe shelter. They spent their first hours drinking coffee, praying, crying and hugging.

"I was just so happy, I was just overwhelmed. I get emotional every time I think about it," Patricia Edwards said.

Donors have come out of the woodwork _ from the co-worker who stripped blankets off his children's beds to the neighbors who contributed a spare barbecue grill, a refrigerator and mounds of food.

Two vans from a church in a neighboring town arrived at noon Tuesday to take the adults out for lunch and to shop for used clothing.

"It's just important to us to reach out," said Dana Statler, the church's associate pastor.

A local school official came to the house on Monday to talk with the parents about enrollment, and some of the adults began scouring want ads for work. Their numbers include an electrician, a mechanic, a nurse and a truck driver.

Housing, of course, will eventually be an issue. Some people have offered shelter, but for now, the family is reluctant to split up. They figure they got this far together, and they want to stay together.

More may be on the way, including a cousin who was trying to catch a flight from Baton Rouge after being rescued from the roof of a house. Six others are unaccounted for, and Patricia Edwards is determined to make room for any who need it.

Kicker
Energetic Backpack

WASHINGTON (AP) - As soldiers, hikers and students can testify, it takes energy to haul around a heavy backpack. Now, researchers have developed a backpack that turns that energy into electricity.

It doesn't crank out a lot of juice _ just a bit more than 7 watts _ but that's enough to run things like an MP3 player, a personal data assistant, night vision goggles, a handheld global positioning system or a GSM cell phone.

The development could eventually allow field scientists, hikers, explorers, soldiers and disaster workers to produce their own electricity.

The researchers used a backpack fastened to the carrying frame by springs. The up-and-down motion caused by walking powers a small generator, producing electricity that can be used directly or stored in a capacitor or battery.

The device, developed by Lawrence C. Rome of the University of Pennsylvania, and colleagues, is reported in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

The electricity-generating frame weighs about 10 pounds, Rome said in a telephone interview. He's working to lighten it, so it will weigh only a couple of pounds more than a standard backpack.

Power generated increases as the load in the backpack gets heavier, he said. Tests ranged from loads of about 40 pounds to about 80 pounds.

Rome developed the new backpack at the request of the Office of Naval Research, which was looking for ways to reduce the need for service members to carry lots of batteries to power equipment while on duty in Afghanistan.

The researchers studied the movement of people walking, and concluded that the hips move up and down between 1.6 inches and 2.7 inches with each step.

They then set about trying to exploit that movement.

The result is the "suspended load backpack." It uses a rigid frame similar to regular backpacks, but instead of being attached directly to the frame, the load is suspended by springs, allowing it to move up and down as the person walks. That movement turns a small electrical generator producing current. In tests on a treadmill, walking on level ground and uphill both produced current, Rome said.

Arthur D. Kuo of the University of Michigan's Department of Mechanical Engineering and Biomedical Engineering said the backpack is novel "because it generates useful amounts of electrical power, while costing less metabolic power than would be expected."

Indeed, carrying the backpack uses only a little more energy than carrying a standard backpack of the same weight, said Rome, a biologist who also does research at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass. He said volunteers testing the device altered their gait slightly to move more efficiently.

"Metabolically speaking, we've found this to be much cheaper than we anticipated. The energy you exert could be offset by carrying an extra snack, which is nothing compared to weight of extra batteries," Rome said. "Pound for pound, food contains about 100-fold more energy than batteries."

The concept resembles that of a self-winding watch where power is generated by the movement of the wearer, commented Kuo, who was not part of Rome's research team.

The research was funded by the National Institutes of Health, Office of Naval Research and the University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation.

Campus News

Temporary library closing baffles students

By Tory Duerr
Staff Writer

It is the Monday before the semester begins, a dark and stormy night.

You are exhausted from moving in, buying books, and making sure everything is in order for your first day of classes.

You are about to call it an early night and plop down on that wonderfully plush dorm mattress that you have been missing for the past three months to watch some cartoons before going to bed. "No," you tell yourself, "In the honor of the beginning of what I anticipate to be the most pivotal educational experience of my life, I am going to find a nice book and read myself to sleep."

Smugly, you grab that copy of the Da Vinci Code that you have sitting on your desk because, for some reason, you think it makes you look like an intellectual. Then suddenly you realize, "Those twenty some library books that I borrowed over the summer (but never got around to reading for one reason or another) are due today!"

You rush to McGill through the pouring rain, carrying your mountain of books. When you finally arrive at the door and try to open it, you find that it is locked, and a new set of hours is posted behind the glass.

First, you ask yourself, "Why did I forget to pack my umbella?" Then, "How did I not notice the fact that the library, which was in clear view the entire time that I made my way across campus, was completely unlit?" And finally, "Why is the library closed before 11:00 PM on a week night?"

As a student who gets most of her work done later in the evening, I was curious to uncover the mystery of this new abbreviated library schedule, so I arranged to speak with the head librarian, Miss Spinney. The schedule change, it turns out, was made out of necessity and is only temporary. "We needed some time to find our feet," Spinney explained. The decision was not made lightly, since those in charge of the library were very much aware of the students' need for the library's resources and quiet study environment.

There were many factors contributing to the decision to make this temporary schedule change, but the main culprit was the new student worker system. As a result of this new system, Miss Spinney explained, "I can only hire work study students, and all student jobs must be advertised through Career Planning and Placement.

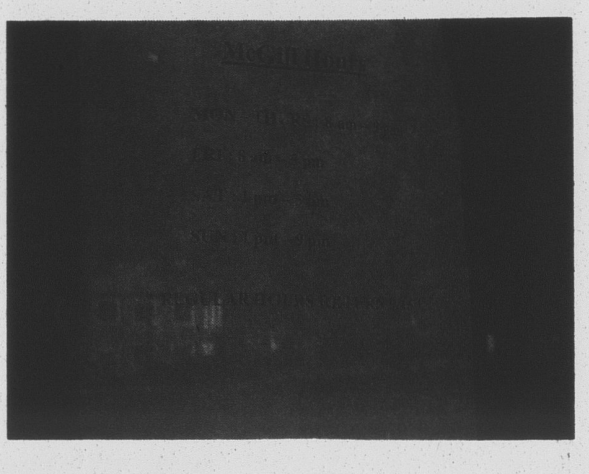
The old system was more direct, and we kept a list of students that were interested in working in the Library." On top of not being able to directly hire interested workers, the library is currently facing the major tasks of training new workers and finding a schedule that works for everybody.

The decision to close the library earlier in the evenings was made, because there would currently be only one student available per night to close the building.

Library staff understandably did not feel comfortable leaving only one student alone at night in the building. The amount of work and responsibility that closing the library would put on that student would be overwhelming.

Until the new student workers are sufficiently trained, the library will only remain open during hours that trained staff members are in the building.

The library is hoping to return to its regular hours by Monday, September 12th. Despite all of the training and careful planning that is being done at the library during these first two crucial weeks of the semester, the schedule cannot be completed without the willingness of work study eligible students to step into needed positions. The library still needs a student who is eligible to work Saturday mornings and two shifts from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.



Miss Spinney lamented, "I need a student with a very specific schedule. This will not be easy to find, I fear!" The library staff is doing everything in their power to have the library operating under its normal schedule as soon as possible.

Our head librarian says that she has received very few complaints from students about this temporary schedule and appreciates the students' patience and willingness to work with the library at this time.

Normal schedule

Monday–Thursday
8:00 AM-11:00 PM

Friday
8:00 AM-9:00 PM

Saturday
9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Sunday
1:00 PM-11:00 PM

Dominion Gas yanks hard on campus wallet

By Jolene Slattery
Campus Writer

Dominion
It all starts here.

During the summer, the college's natural gas provider, Dominion People's Gas, issued a claim that the college has been undercharged for their gas usage for a number of years. Dominion is asking for four years of back payment, the maximum they are able, due to a statute of limitations. Dominion claims that the problem may have been occurring for up to 15 years. Westminster College Assistant Controller Janet Smith said, "The college has always paid on time and in full. We have brought it to Dominion's attention when there was a problem with our bill."

The specific meter in question reads the amount of gas used to provide steam heat to a large part of campus, including Galbreath, Ferguson, Old Main, and other nearby buildings. The meter was read by Dominion on a regular basis and the college paid each bill they received. The problem is not that the meter was simply misread. The meter did not have enough display units to accurately measure the amount of gas being used. To make a comparison, some cars have odometers with digits to read up to 99,999. Once the mileage goes over that number, the odometer starts again at zero. The gas meter worked in a similar way. For example, if Dominion read the meter in December and it read 8,000.0 and Dominion read the meter again in March and it read 4,000.0, they would bill as if the meter had rolled over once and therefore the bill would be for 6,000.0. However, at times, the meter may have rolled over 2 or 3 times during that billing period, making the bill actually for 16,000 or 26,000 units. Dominion replaced the meter in February 2004 with a meter that reads more digits. Comparing the bills from the new meter with the bills from the old meter showed that the old meter was not accurate. In June 2005 an invoice was issued requesting payment for estimated readings for the past 4 years.

A shut-off notice was issued by Dominion, but was suspended immediately following a phone call to a Dominion representative. Buildings will continue to be heated as usual and current bills are being paid as they are received.

At a point when talks with Dominion were not leading to a solution, the college filed a protest with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, in regards to the invoice for the alleged underpayments. Talks with Dominion have since resumed. Westminster College Vice President for Finance and Management Services Ken Romig said, "We are working toward a fair settlement that will not be detrimental to the college or to the operations of the college." Romig expects the talks to lead to a solution soon.

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Karate jabs students in the right way

By Terry Gillespie
Campus Writer

For many of us, karate is a subject beyond our knowledge, reserved for actors like Keanu Reeves (The Matrix) or Jackie Chan (Rush Hour).

However, it's not too hard for students here at Westminster College to learn this ancient style.

Meeting every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during this semester is a karate class led by Professor David W. Goldberg, age 53.

Goldberg has been studying karate for the past 26 years.

When asked about how he became interested in karate, Goldberg responded, "I was in my twenties and felt out of shape."

He discovered Shorin-Ryu, a "hard" form of karate. "Hard" does not reflect the difficulty of the martial arts; rather, it means that it is a defensive style, having a block-to-strike style with straightforward movements, rather than the flowing, offensive style favored in action movies.

Shorin-Ryu is originally from Okinawa, Japan, and was developed in response to a weapons banning act.

Karate is not just about learning kicks and punches, however. It is a method of keeping one's body and mind in shape.

This reporter studied karate last year and can attest to improved confidence and discipline.

The rigorous workout helps to strengthen the body, stretching little-used muscles and reinforcing other physical practices.

The repetitive movement also helps to focus the mind on the present, creating an increase in attention span.

Commands and numbers are called in Japanese, so one's knowledge expands as well.

During Prof. Goldberg's absence to attend the Oxford study program, the class will be led by junior Tracy Hefner.

When asked why she chose to study karate, Hefner replied, "It's something I'm good at, and it keeps me in shape."

Hefner will be leading the class in exercise and basic training.

Progression will be slower than usual, so the class will be on equal footing upon Prof. Goldberg's return.

Classes are offered free of charge as an extracurricular activity every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:10-4:10 p.m. in Old 77.

There is also the possibility that karate will be offered as an option for a PE class in the spring semester.

More news from around the campus

Smooth Fresh Start: anticipation, planning key

By Amanda Hauger
Staff Writer

As 390 first year students made their way to their new second home on Friday, August 26th, they were greeted with some friendly helpers. The entire football team arrived at each dormitory and joined some 80 Fresh Start leaders in helping to unload students' cars, vans, and SUV's.

Senior Fresh Start Coordinator Lindsay Painter happily welcomed them. "Coach Hand was looking for a service project for the football team and they really came through for us. When they left, everyone was so refreshed because they had helped out so much," said Painter. The whole team participated and we truly appreciated their efforts."

Dean Lechner, head of Security, also found the football team's participation to be helpful. "We got the unloading done record time this year; parents were very cooperative," said Lechner. "They were done unloading Shaw at 10:30... before that 2:30... They've got it down to a science."

Camille Hawthorne, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, has been in charge of the Fresh Start program since she came to Westminster in January of 1988. "When I arrived, there was already a freshman orientation program in place," said Hawthorne. "Through the years we've added more educational programs because of need."

Hawthorne depends on her senior and junior coordinators to ensure that the program runs smoothly. "Lindsay Painter and Seth McClarey are very good student leaders," said Hawthorne. "I depended on them almost like professional staff and they were incredibly helpful."

Many changes to the Fresh Start program occur because the government mandates colleges and universities to include specific information into the orientation program. This year, that change was the addition of an educational program on credit card use. Senior mathematics major Lindsay Lutes coordinated the effort.

Other alterations to the Fresh Start program this year included a Wednesday night social gathering. "The Wednesday night event was developed for those first year students who had to return to campus early for a camp," said Hawthorne. "We thought we were neglecting them until Fresh Start officially began on Friday."

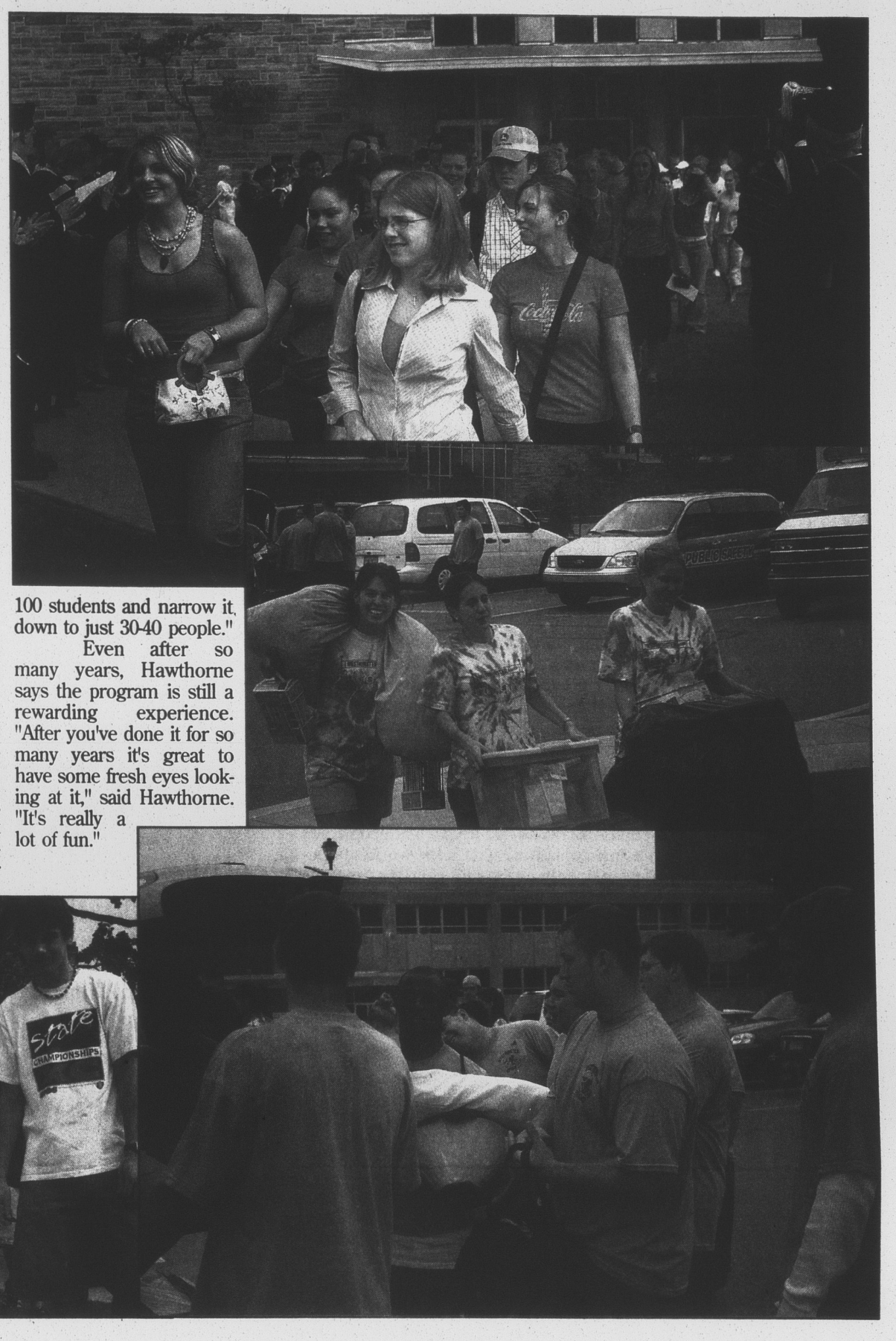
The event went over extremely well. "We invited the band, soccer team, and football team, anyone on campus. We had karaoke, music, and we went through 22 boxes of pizza in just an hour and a half," said Painter.

One thing that rarely changes in the program is the amount of students who volunteer their time to make the college transition easier for first year students. Dana Roberts, one of only eight senior Fresh Start leaders to return to the program for a third year, said that Fresh Start was an experience she will never forget. "I enjoyed meeting the new freshman during their first few days here on campus," said Roberts. "I'd like to think I've made a difference in someone's college experience."

Upperclassmen aren't the only ones who benefit from their efforts. Katelyn Polantz, a first year student from Johnstown, PA enjoyed the overall Fresh Start experience. "I thought the program was very well organized and an effective way for students to meet each other," said Polantz. "Titan Traverse was a beneficial group experience; however, the book discussion on the first day was quite intimidating."

Any first year students interested in participating in the Fresh Start program next year should get involved on campus early. "We encourage people to really get involved, particularly in their fall semester," said Hawthorne. "We interview over 100 students and narrow it down to just 30-40 people."

Even after so many years, Hawthorne says the program is still a rewarding experience. "After you've done it for so many years it's great to have some fresh eyes looking at it," said Hawthorne. "It's really a lot of fun."



Photography by Fresh Start staff

Residential Life changes; new rules, personnel improve job

By Alysa Wright & Katie Pride
Campus Writers

With a new year starting and a clean slate for students, residence life has made some changes to how things will be done: residence hall doors will now be locked for longer hours, and two new positions have been added to the residence life staff.

The doors in residence halls are now being locked from 11:00 p.m. until 11:00 a.m. as opposed to 12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. as in previous years. This way, the doors are open mostly in coordination with visitation hours. However, Jeffers is on 24-hour lockdown.

"I think the new locking hours are a good idea. I'd like to see 24-hour locking hours used in all of the residence halls on campus to increase safety. It's working extremely well in Jeffers, especially because we don't have desk sitters," senior Abby Ball, Community Advisor in Jeffers, said.

According to Sarah Dobe, Ferguson's new Residence Director, the increased locking hours are just a matter of safety. "I heard about the panty thief last year, and hopefully this will stop things like that from happening," Dobe said. "It also makes the jobs of residence life staff a little easier because now there are fewer chances to find unescorted guests in the building."

Residence life staff considered locking all halls for 24 hours; however, they thought it would be too drastic a change. "I would like to see halls locked for 24 hours since there is a gap from 11:00 in the morning until 3:00 in the afternoon where there are no desk sitters," sophomore RA Laura Sahar said. "It may cause inconveniences, but it's important for safety."

Although it is for safety reasons, the increased locking hours can be a hassle for some students. "I don't mind the evening hours," senior Lauren Stang said. "I dislike that I need a Titan Card after morning classes to get in the building. The morning hours' going from 7:00 to 11:00 is a big change."

Dean Lechner and Kim Spead, RD of Hillside, have not yet heard many complaints, but it is still early in the year. Lechner points out that we are past the days where we can think nothing is going to happen because we are in the small community of New Wilmington. "There is a low probability of anything happening, but there is a possibility," Lechner said.

According to Dean Lechner, if students wish to further reduce the hours that the dorm is open, a popular vote by the dorm can be arranged. "I feel there can't be too much safety," Lechner said. "I would like to have the absolute amount we can offer to our students." In fact, most side and back doors to Browne, Eichenauer, Galbreath, and Russell are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the request of their residents.

Titan Cards should be carried at all times as stated on the back of the card, but if a student is ever locked out of their dorm, call boxes are located outside each building.

As freshman Travis Levers points out, personal safety and security of possessions is more important than a few minutes of waiting for public safety to let you in your dorm. "We are never really locked out with the call box," said Levers. "I would rather call a friend or security to let me in than risk my safety in the dorm."

Along with door locking changes, other staffing changes have been made. Instead of having three "undergraduate RDs" this year, seniors Abby Ball, Lindsay Thomas, and Steve Franklin are now Community Advisors for their buildings. This change was executed because of all of the responsibility and pressure placed on undergraduate RDs.

There have also been changes in the staff including a new position being filled by Matt Shaffer, who is living in Eichenauer. Shaffer was hired this year as the new Assistant Director of Residence Life. He came here from Pennsylvania College of Technology and has been working here since early July. "I think it's great to have someone so excited and enthusiastic on staff this year," Abby Ball said. "He's already made a lot of great changes on campus, and I'm looking forward to the year."

"Count" your blessings; Campus privy to exclusive play

By Cody Buzard
Campus Writer

Every once in a while the theater department is given the honor of presenting a new play or new premiere. This season will be one of those instances.

The theater department has been given exclusive rights to present the East Coast premiere of Alexander Dumas' "The Count of Monte Cristo." The premiere will be taking place in Beeghly Theatre on November 10-13.

"I am eager to see this play on campus. I think it will attract a big crowd," senior Chris Morgenstern said.

The protagonist is Edmond Dantés, a young sailor who accepts a letter from the exiled Napoleon. His best friend turns him in for having the letter, and Dantés is sent to serve a life sentence in the prison Chateau d'If. While in prison, his friend steals his girlfriend, marries her, and has a child.

While imprisoned, revenge consumes Dantés. Another inmate teaches him how to read and write, making him a great scholar. Dantés also learns to swordfight, which incites him to get revenge on his former friend.

He escapes from the prison and becomes the Count of Monte Cristo. After finding a great treasure hidden in a cave, he is quite wealthy and uses his new wealth to gain the trust of high officials and get close to his enemies.

To discover what happens to Dantés, you will have to attend one of the performances November 10-13.

Elieen Hendrickson, theatre professor, will be directing this production. As of now, the cast has not been released. Tryouts were held Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday of last week, September 5, 6, and 8. "It should be an interesting adventure, one for everyone to enjoy," senior John Buco said.

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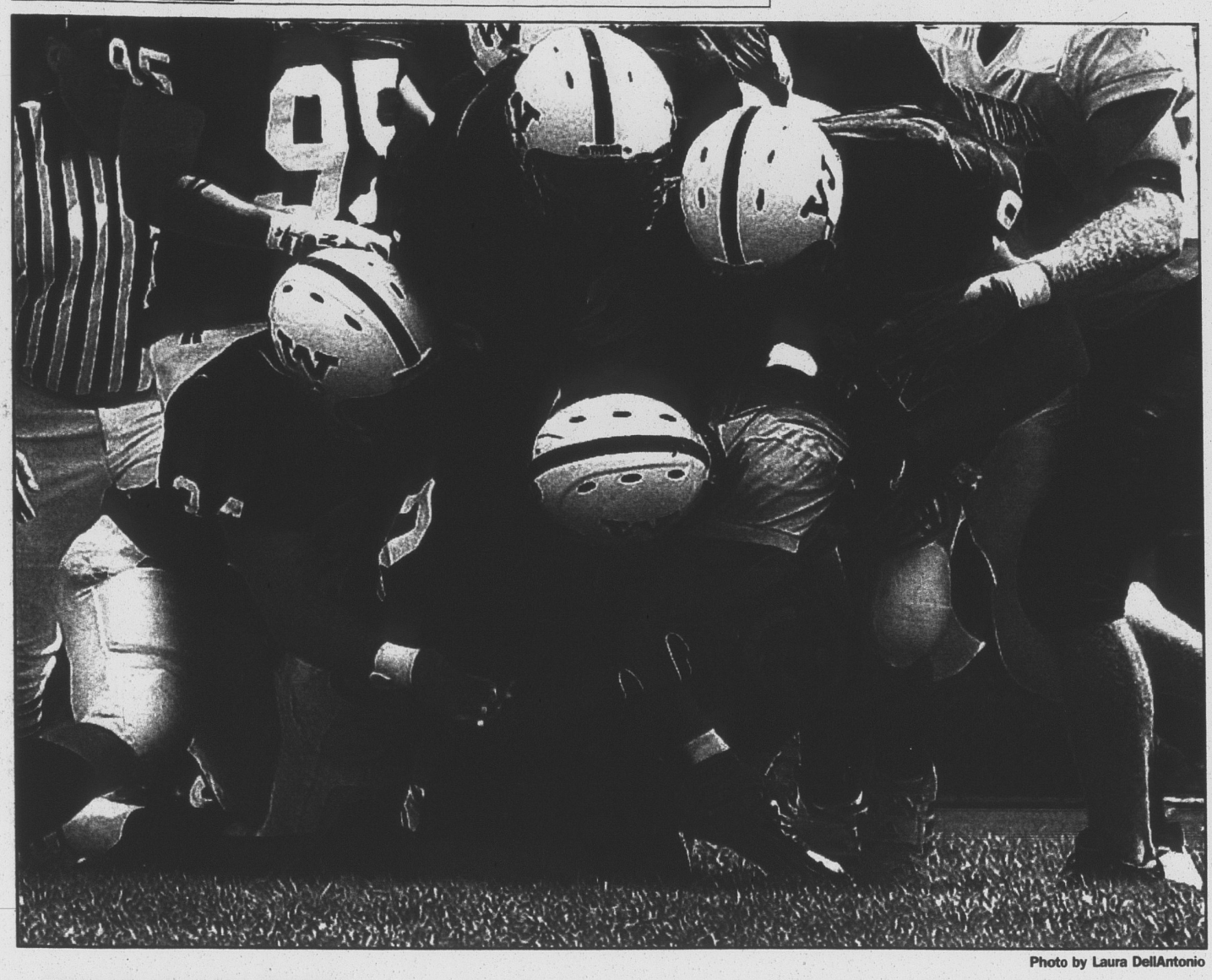

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Titans take down the opposition.

Quick Hands Westminster 5th Straight Opening Day Loss

By Steven Brink
Sports Writer

It was an ugly start for Westminster football. The Titans opened up their 2005 campaign with a 48-3 home loss to nationally ranked Ohio Northern last Saturday. It marks the fifth consecutive season in which Westminster has lost on opening day.

ONU dominated every aspect of the game from start to finish. The Polar Bears started their scoring surge right away as they marched 80 yards on their opening possession to take a 7-0 lead. ONU's eight-play drive was capped off by a 3-yd touchdown pass from Adam Quirk to fullback Tarry Summers. The opening touchdown was one of four on the afternoon by Quirk.

The Westminster offense stalled for the second straight series and Ohio Northern took full advantage. With just over two and a half minutes to play in the 1st quarter, Ohio Northern saw its lead increase to 14 points. The Polar Bears drove 67 yards on their second possession, which ended with a 1-yd touchdown plunge by tailback R.J. Meadows.

Offensively, Westminster struggled throughout the day, gaining only 149 yards of total offense. Senior running back Sean Buggey carried the ball 18 times for 78 yards, accounting for 52% of Westminster's total yardage. Freshman running back Eddie Williams added 38 yards on 13 carries. Quarterback J.R. Barley completed 10 of 23 passes, but only for 76 yards. Barley did face quite of bit of pressure from the –ONU defensive front. Preseason All-American Jason Trusnik did not disappoint. The senior defensive end recorded 11 tackles (6 ½ for loss) and also 2 ½ sacks, which moved him into a tie for 1st on ONU's all-time sack list.

Not only did the Polar Bears play well on both sides of the ball, they were brilliant on special teams too. Defensive back Wes Hostetler took punts of 83 and 79 yards all the way back for scores. Hostetler's first punt return put ONU up 21-0 with about twelve minutes still to play in the 1st half. Shortly after, the Polar Bears got the ball back and Quirk hit wideout Ross Porter for a 5-yd score. With that touchdown, ONU went into the locker room holding a 28-0 lead.

The second half proved no better for the Titans.

ONU came out and wasted little time as they needed only five plays and about two minutes of clock to make the score 35-0. This time it was Quirk again. Not through the air, but on the ground. After that 5-yd touchdown scramble, Quirk found receiver Brian Lee for a 13-yd touchdown pass on the Bears' next possession.

Hostetler's second punt return for a touchdown made it 48-0 with just over five and a half minutes to play in the 3rd quarter. Fortunately, this was the last time the Polar Bears found the end zone.

Titan kicker Chris Castillo prevented the shutout, as he got Westminster on the scoreboard by booting a 33-yd field goal with just over two and a half minutes to play.

It wasn't quite the start head coach Jeff Hand was looking for in his debut at Westminster. But the Titans have a chance to bounce back next weekend as they travel to Meadville, PA to take rival Allegheny College. Allegheny is also 0-1 after losing in overtime to Baldwin-Wallace 23-17. Game time is set for 1:00 pm.

Here we go Steelers, here we go

Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

It's that time of year again. Yes sir, it's time for the Browns to get flushed down the proverbial toilet and for the Steelers to rise to perennial glory. Jokes aside, the NFL season is vastly approaching and I felt it appropriate to address this in my first column.

Secondly, I would like to thank the Holcad staff for not only allowing me to write, but for jettisoning Tom Heath's provincial and Cleveland-sided opinions.

In 2004, the Steelers posted one of their finest seasons since the days of Ernie Mills and Neil O'Donnell. A record of 15-1, the discovery of a young, strong-armed talent and the return to "Blitzburgh" were only a few of the highlights.

However, much to the disgruntlement of 75-percent of Donnie Iris' fan base, last year is over, forcing Pittsburgh fans to move on and analyze an offensively gut-wrenching preseason.

To start, Ben Roethlisberger only looked a shade better than a blind-folded Kordell Stewart, while Jerome Bettis and Duce Staley were absent for nearly the entire preseason.

Nevertheless, Steeler fans shalt not fear, for Heinz Field will be packed with 55,000 different opinions and 55,000 different pieces of advice for the "Black 'n Gold" this Sunday. Taking the small chance that Bill Cowher may actually pick up this sports page, I'd like to include my own piece of advice:

Dear Bill,

You know that guy on the line of scrimmage with a number between 80 and 89? He's referred to as a tight end. I'm not positive,, but I'm pretty sure that you are permitted to throw to him. I know other teams do it.

Sincerely,

Jason

On a positive note, the Steelers' defense continued their assault on the rest of the league. James Farrior is the best linebacker in the league without a criminal record (I.e. Ray Lewis), and Troy Polamalu solidified his position as one of the hardest hitting safeties around.

The "Black 'n Gold's" season begins Sunday, as the Tennessee Titans visit Heinz Field. The following week, they travel to Houston to face the Texans. In week three, the Steelers host New England in the NFL's "Game of the Year."

Even with these difficult three weeks, you can expect success from this team. Matching last year's 15-1 record may be a lofty goal, but 13 wins should not be out of the question.

Now, you may say, "This idiot has changed his opinion and outlook more than Sodexho has changed their prices!" You're right. It's a Pittsburghers' prerogative to love a team when they win and hate them when they lose.

Anyway, the Steelers went 15-1 last season. Raise your Iron City and cheer on the Black 'n Gold (Or hate them...because don't worry, we'll join you if they go 6-10 this year).

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Lady Titan Volleyball in full swing

By Tom Heath
Sports Writer

This season, the Lady Titans are being led by lone senior Erynn Hinks, a two time All-PAC selection and team leader in kills last season, and a pair of returning juniors, Danielle Hogue and Jessica Cooper, who saw significant time as freshmen.

The rest of the roster is filled with freshmen and sophomores who have a tremendous amount of talent and will battle for playing time to complement the trio of upperclassmen.

Coach Tammy Swearingen noted that this year in way of pre-season camp and preparation was different than in years past: "Our staff restructured camp this year to save on the girls physically. Since they were lacking in experience, we watched more films to help the team understand what we wanted to accomplish better. Camp also was not nearly as grueling as past seasons. We mixed things up to get more out of the team."

The team opened this past weekend at the Mount Union Invitational and finished third with a record of 2-2. The Lady Titans opened against host team Mt. Union and fell by a score of 24-30, 30-23, 32-30, and 30-20.

In the second match Friday, the team defeated Concord 30-23, 31-29, 30-20.

Saturday, the team struggled with national power Calvin, falling 3 straight games 30-16, 30-25 and 30-17.

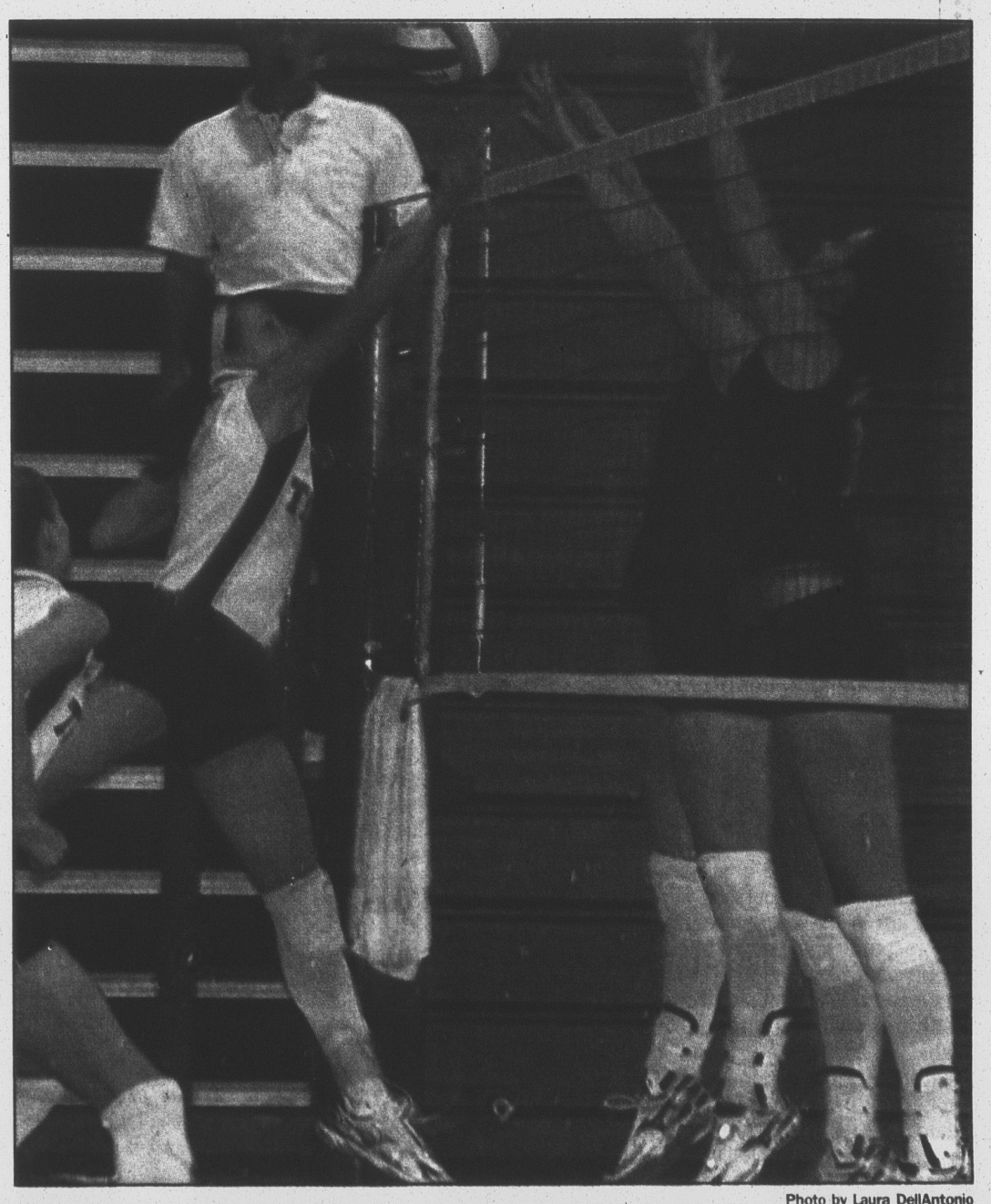
However, the Titans responded well, beating Case Western for a third place finish in the overall tournament.

While third may seem disappointed compared with the Titans' title from last year, they now have a stronger field as well as younger talent. "We were right there all weekend. I know that our team is capable of playing better. The competition was definitely much tougher than years previous in this particular invitational." Coach Tammy Swearingen noted. "We have a great deal of talent; however, our experience is lacking this year."

The team will be on the road again this weekend at the Wooster Invitational. "This invitational gives us an opportunity to gain more confidence, and this tourney will help prepare us for the PAC."

Swearingen also added, "This one should be very mentally—as well as physically—tough." Looking ahead into the PAC, Waynesburg looks to once again pose the biggest threat to the team in way of competition.

Also, look for Washington & Jefferson to make a push towards the conference crown. The next home match for the Lady Titans will be the Westminster Invitational, September 16-17.



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The Lady Titans attempt to smash the ball over the wall of opposition before them.

Moving on to keep things whole

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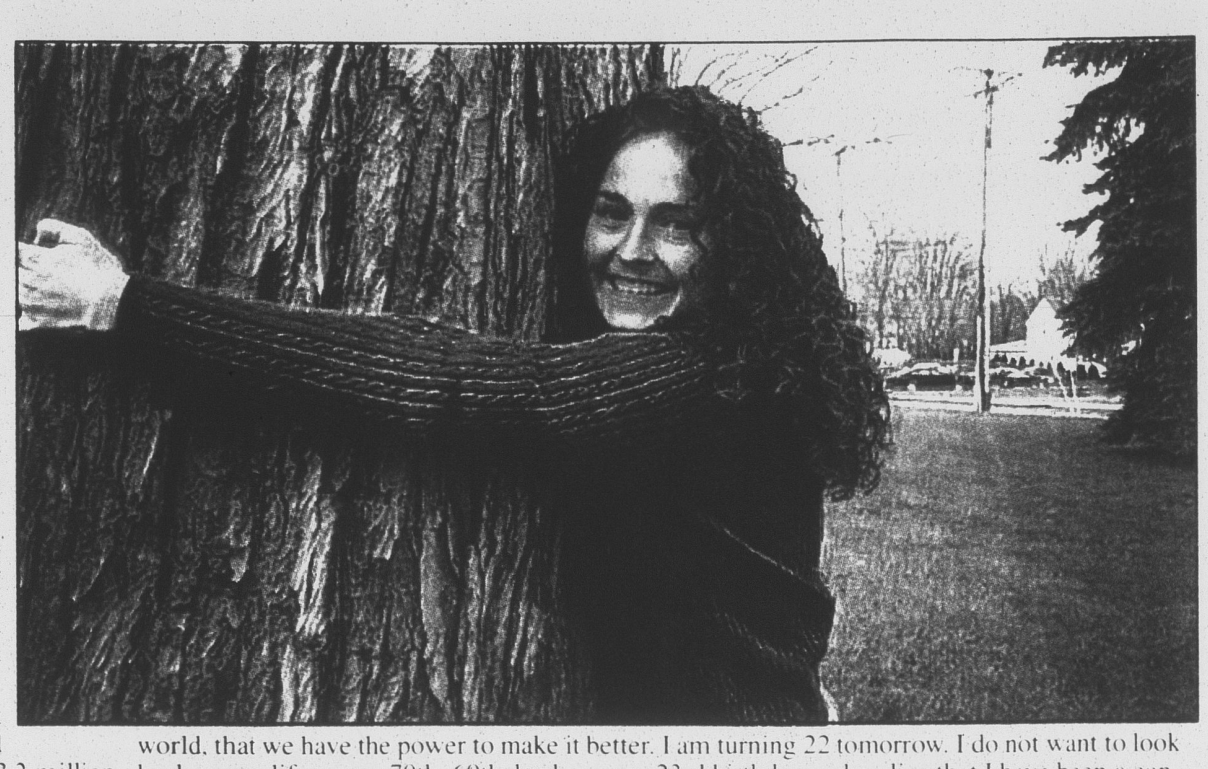
Sandy May Edmiston's Graduation Speech



One of the most common pieces of advice I got when I came to college was, "Don't gain the freshman fifteen." With that in mind, I started running. I would run for a breathless one mile, come back exhausted, dripping in sweat, and eat a chocolate bar as my reward for my efforts. One day I was out on my jog, huffing and puffing, when I ran past Dr. Wastvedt's house. Dr. Wastvedt, who was my Inquiry teacher, was outside doing yardwork. As I jogged past, he shouted after me, "You got an 'A' on your test, Sandy."

It was my first college test, my first trial! I had studied for it (yes, I just implied studying and Inquiry in the same sentence) for three days, had written feverishly in my blue book, had poured my heart into that first test. I was so excited by Dr. Wastvedt's encouragement, I ran for two more miles, with visions of Einstein, Fukayama, and Karl Marx in my head. The next day I ran four miles, a week later, five. I had officially become a runner, all because of Dr. Wastvedt and his encouragement.

Looking back now on my college career, running has been one of the most significant aspects of it: a marathon, cross country, jogs with friends…

We have all been running around this campus: to classes, to sorority or fraternity meetings, to sports practice, choir practice, play practice, SGA meetings. We ran to meet Holcad, SCRAWL, and Argo deadlines. We ran to Galbreath to have dinners with friends. We've tried to run through the line at the Tub, of course always being stopped by Jerry with a "Hey, whaddaya got there, girl?" We have all been running.

Another thing we have all run into on this campus, however, is the fact that there are a lot of things going on in this world, more than we see on the news and more than we learned about in high school. We learned here at Westminster that 13.2 million children have become orphans due to AIDS; that pollution, oil-drilling, and suburban sprawl are ruining our land, contaminating our air and water, and causing large scale effects on our climate and global balance; that over 400,000 people have died in the Sudan due to disease, hunger, or murder, and action to address such a genocide has been slow and hesitant; that 20 percent of the world's population uses 80 percent of its resources; that Americans and Iraqis, real people, are dying in a war that we're not sure is justified; that if the world's population were reduced to 100 people, only one would have the privilege to go to college and learn about all of this. We have learned that we have a world that in many ways is falling to pieces.

In his poetry class, Dr. Swerdlow had us read a poem by former poet laureate Mark Strand, called "Keeping Things Whole." Indulge the English major in me for second on this one:

In a field
I am the absence
of field.
This is
Always the case.
Wherever I am
I am what is missing.

When I walk
I part the air7
and always
the air moves in
to fill the spaces
where my body's been.

We all have reasons
for moving.
I move
to keep things whole.

We have all been running around here And now we are moving on. When we leave, someone else will fill our spaces, will become the presidents of our clubs and the students in our favorite professor's classes. We are moving on. So what are our reasons for moving? Wouldn't it be great to say that we were "moving to keep things whole"? If we said to ourselves, "There is so much pain in this world, so much which is wrong. What if I let my life be one that will actually do something about it?"

A stain-glassed window in the back of the chapel bears an angel holding the sign "The foundation of every state is the education of its youth." The only way that quote is true is if we see education not as a noun but as a verb. If there is one thing we should have learned from Inquiry onward here at Westminster, it's that education is a constant and changing thing. Reading books and remembering their wisdom or lack thereof will never be enough. We must keep on reading, keep on learning, and within that, we must keep on acting. Otherwise, we are just part of a silly ritual.

We should not be complacent in inheriting such a falling apart world. We have been born innocently into problems we ourselves did not create. We should respect the goodness and the innocence of our lives by realizing that we do not deserve to live in such a world, that we have the power to make it better. I am turning 22 tomorrow. I do not want to look back on my life on my 70th, 60th, heck, on my 23rd birthday and realize that I have been a contributor to these problems rather,than a part of the cure.

I think we have a silly fear that if we address social issues, we are adopting a life that is dull and boring, without leisure. We are sacrificing our joy in order to address the world's problems. I'm not sure that's true, however. Some of my best times here have been at Relay for Life playing pick-up soccer and tossing a Frisbee, planting trees at the Bio-station with Dr. Harms, building houses on the Habitat for Humanity trip I went on my freshman year, working on Sierra Student Coalition activities. There's this sort of interaction that happens with people when you're working together towards a common good that I don't think happens elsewhere. Common good is the great equalizer. The cars you drive, the clothes you wear, the things you own do not matter as much when you're surrounded by people showing their compassionate sides. If anything the community of college and the bonds we have created should teach us is that.

I'm surrounded by all of you, and I feel immersed in a common good, the good of Westminster, the good of our time together here. Let us now go away from this place feeling strong enough in that common good, feeling supported by each other, by our professors who have taught us and the staff who have helped us, and do something in this world. I don't want to take the passion of Dr. Grove or the inspiration of Dr. Swerdlow, the helpfulness of Doreen Matune, the energy of Clarence Harms, the hard work of Patti Hammer or the encouraging smile of George Austen for granted. I want to do something that makes me worthy of their help. As we graduate here, let us not be afraid of today's problems, and tomorrow's work to address them. The foundation of every state is the education, but also the action, the caring, and the inspiration of its youth.

I went for a run about a month ago, a beautiful run, and I wrote this in my journal:

I was jogging in early evening. The last of the snow was melting, the outside was a cool-warm, the sunset was a fading purple. I jogged without my usual quest of miles or speed, and as I wandered my way back to campus, I felt like I was jogging in a new grace from when my run had begun. I was relaxed, but energized to go work on my homework. I felt like I had noticed more things about my surroundings. I felt like there were a million letters that I wanted to send, and a million people who I had met these past years that I wanted to hug. My steps felt graceful and I felt like I ran proudly and beautifully. I ran away clumsily today, but came back gracefully, whole.

As we move away from this place, be it running or walking or kicking and screaming, I hope we feel that we are going away in a new grace, a new beauty, and are ready to do something in this broken, beautiful world.

Reflections on the life of Sandy Elegy
(for Sandy)

Roethke was exactly right
about the deaths of students.

But "I, with no rights in this matter,"
always told my students
that they were wonderful, skillful
unique, full of potential,
and absolutely irreplaceable.

Sandy you were the proof of my thesis.
There is little more to say.

So, with these halting lines,
I reach out to your parents and Logan,
to Jennifer, Bethany, Betsy, the Swerdlows,
Clarence, Beth Brooks, your student friends
and all those who were drawn to you
by your energy, enthusiasm,
grace, wit,
and intelligence.

Our circle is unbroken,
but it is greatly diminished.

James A. Perkins
August 4, 2005

"This school, this town, this earth invested itself heavily in Sandy. We were counting on her to use her gifts to change the world. We knew that she was not only willing, but capable of carrying our hopes and dreams. Sandy's dreams were for us. Sandy's dreams are for us.

Sandy is quiet now. She's looking around the room, waiting for us to take over. We know that we must live more deliberately now. We must take action. Every day. We must give Sandy what she deserves. We must live with her in mind, with her in our broken, yet hopeful hearts. We love her."

David Swerdlow

…Every moment mattered to Sandy, and she found so many ways to "live deliberately" while at Westminster.
…As we remember Sandy, I hope that we can all learn what she had to teach us and live inspired lives.

Ross Wastvedt

…She was, and will continue to be, an influence for change here at Westminster.
Students--heck, people--like Sandy don't come along very often.

Suzanne Prestein

A&E Arts & Entertainment

A Shot of Sherri
Best Summer Films

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Just for the record, I'm extremely excited to be writing about my favorite pastime—watching movies. Much like my hometown, cinema suffered a serious drought this summer; however, I'm going to give a little recap of three movies I thought were the highlight of the dry spell and would make good rental choices.

Batman Begins

This is the Batman movie that fans have been anxiously awaiting. An eccentric, yet charming Christian Bale plays tormented billionaire Bruce Wayne, who is accompanied by his ever-loyal servant, Alfred (Michael Caine). The powerful storyline plays out beautifully as the audience experiences Wayne's traumatic childhood—the childhood which ultimately leads to his transformation into Batman. Liam Neeson gives a spectacular performance as Wayne's mentor and trainer in martial arts and mental strength. Through director Christopher Nolan's use of cinematography, it is easy to grasp the darkness and suffering that befalls Gotham City. The serious undertone of the film complements the action sequences, which eventually ties together Batman's true identity with his motive for risking everything (and dressing like a bat) to save Gotham City from a psychotic plot to poison the city. Rating: A

Crash

This is an extremely powerful movie that uses several intersecting storylines to depict racism during two days in Los Angeles. A car crash connects the characters in a dizzying plot that leads to an emotional finish. The great thing about this movie is that it depicts the flaws in society through the frustration of a pampered district attorney's wife (Sandra Bullock) while also showing the horrors associated with racism of every kind. Jennifer Esposito plays an amazing role as a detective determined to uncover the truth while fighting stigmas associated with her Hispanic roots. The other compelling and flawed characters in this film have their own stories to tell that are definitely attention-worthy. Rating: B+

Cinderella Man

Whether or not you like Russell Crowe, he completely owns the role of boxer Jimmy Braddock, who falls from fame only to rise again for the sake of saving his family. The film follows his career as a legendary boxer who hits rock bottom along with most of America during the Depression. He manages to scrounge up some work at the unforgiving docks to feed his wife (Renee Zellweger) and kids. Eventually he is forced to go on public relief, so he decides to give the ring another try. Through hard work, brutal injuries, and unbelievable persistence, he rebuilds his career and takes on the unthinkable—challenging heavyweight champion Max Baer. As the underdog, he fights and eventually defeats Baer to the surprise of many and the jubilation of middle-class America. Rating: B+

Honorary mentions: Star Wars: Episode Three-Revenge of the Sith, Sin City.

Bring out the Bohemian in You

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen have been fashion icons since they wore diapers in "Full House." This past fall, Mary Kate really caught the public's eye with her "bag lady, slightly homeless, Goodwill hunter, garage sale junkie, yet totally couture" look.

Before we knew it, her picture was plastered over the cover of every celebrity gossip magazine.

She would be seen running around New York in tight leggings, bug-eyed sunglasses, and more beads than your grandma wears. Some say she wore the baggy attire to hide her figure during the majority of her eating disorder, but whatever the case may be, she became a style icon.

The look is called bohemian bourgeois, or "bobo" for short. The phrase was said to be coined by David Brooks in his book "Bobos in Paradise".

He explained that this generation of hipsters are wealthy consumers who have abandoned materialism while embracing the lap of luxury. Whatever the case may be, baggy clothes are now in, and Goodwill should be your favorite new store.

Bohemian bourgeois is such a flexible trend that almost any type of person can wear it with class. If you don't want to be a bobo fanatic like MK, try starting out with a few beaded necklaces or gaucho pants paired with a lacey tank.

The look is so versatile that it can be worn with flats during the day or with heels at night. Keep your eyes on the lookout for garage sales or flea markets; these are great places to snag old chunky jewelry or an oversized scarf.

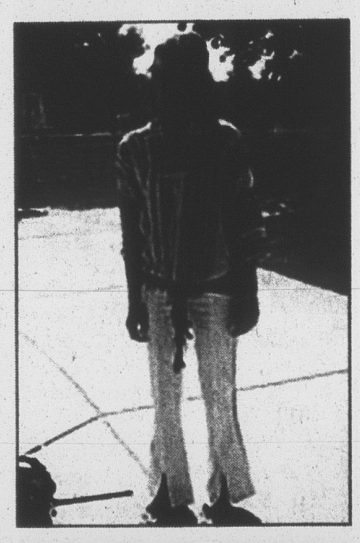
Not only can you buy used clothing to create this look, top designers have also joined the bobo bandwagon.

Designer labels such as Anna Sui, BCBG Max Azria, and even Burberry Prorsum have incorporated bright, flowing, knee-length skirts and mismatched tops in their fall collections.

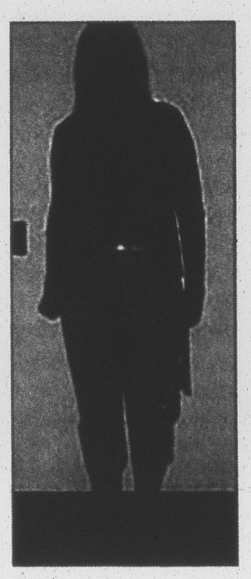
I was not surprised to see many campus ladies taking campus by storm this fall with their new bobo look. Their outfits may not be as extreme as the Olsens', but it may well be a classier and sophisticated version.

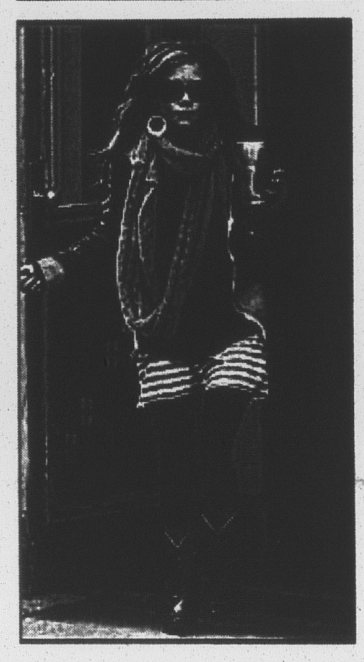
Now you only have to complete your look by permanently attaching a Starbucks coffee to your hand like MK.

Natalie Coccia is a junior media art major/PR minor despite the fact that she has not taken time to declare either at the registar. As of now, she is stuggling with her love-hate relationship with Myspace.



Clockwise: Amber Scalfari, MK, Teal Kawana, Linn Scott





RESTAURANT REVIEWER
Forty-Five Minutes in the Life of a Waitress

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

I've always heard people say that everyone should work in the food service at least once in their lifetime. I wasn't sure why until I worked there myself. So just in case you never have, here is a brief description of forty-five minutes in the life of a waitress.

You walk in the back door at 4:55 p.m. for your 5:00 shift. By the time you reach the dining area, you get handed three tables that have been waiting for their menus impatiently for ten minutes. Hmm...who should you go to first? The usual customer at table 3 who never tips well anyway? The group of fourteen people in the back? Table 6 with the three screaming children?

So you start at table 3. Oh yea, this is the guy that orders the special kind of lettuce on his salad, spaghetti with extra sauce, no meatballs, and goes through his Pepsi like it's going out of style. So while you're making the special salad, table 6 needs to order their food and get it out ASAP to keep the kids from crying. The group of fourteen has to be at a play in one hour. More people are walking through the door.

Mr. Usual at table 3 is finally done, pays, and leaves his usual $0.75 tip and a mess at the table. The fourteen dinners are in the kitchen waiting to go out. The people at the door want to sit at table 3 immediately. As you walk over with the wash rag to clean off table 3, baby #1 at table 6 spills the pink lemonade. At least you have the wash rag at hand. More people are walking through the door.

You are now contemplating to take up smoking. This way you will have an excuse to take a three minute break every once in awhile.

It's now 5:45. You don't close until 10:00.

Many times people have a misconception when they go out to dinner. For some reason they think food service is a simple process and that things should run smoothly. Many times things are taken out on the waitress that shouldn't be. If the cook makes a mistake, don't kill the messenger. If the waitress makes a mistake, realize she's only human.

I waitressed for two years in high school and one year in college. The scenario that I just gave to you is not made up. This horror story of a night at work is reality for waitresses. I will be the first to admit that every once in a while you get a waitress that just doesn't care. That's only about 5% of them. The rest of us really want to make your dining experience a pleasant one. Sometimes we fail and sometimes we succeed, just like everyone else. The most comforting feeling at work is knowing that your customers understand how tough your job really is.

Some Things To Remember:

Be patient. We know you're hungry. If you weren't, you probably wouldn't be at a restaurant. We'll get the food out as soon as humanly possible. I promise.

Make small talk with us. We won't feel as pressured as if you said "I want a chicken salad with ranch...now beat it!"

A general courtesy rule: Tip at least as many dollars as there are people at the table. Serving five dinners, five salads, five drinks, and cleaning five messes hardly seems worth three bucks.

If you drop a fry or a rigatoni on the floor, it would be unbelievably kind of you to **pick it up**. It gets really gross when it gets stepped on. (Not only is there a mess on the floor, but on your shoe!)

If you are a nice customer, we will remember you next time you come in. Aside from the chaos of my job, there were some good times, too. I met some of the nicest people there and looked forward to seeing them come in to eat each week.

So here's a little homework assignment for you from me. (Of course you don't have to do it, but give it a try.) Go out to eat, and even if you're completely starved, tell the waitress, "no hurry!" If she's late, say, "no problem." If she makes a mistake, tell her that you understand. Tip well. I know you're a poor college student – so am I! But just give a little extra. And last but not least, for extra credit, tell the manager that she was an excellent waitress. Even after a rough day, when my boss told me someone said something good about me, it made all the stress worthwhile and got me ready to do it all again tomorrow!

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Calendar

September 9, 2005

All-Campus Formal on the Gateway Clipper (Reservations Required)

Volleyball at Wooster Invitational

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel - Wallace Memorial Chapel

3:30 PM Women's Tennis vs. Frostburg (H)

5:00 PM Men's Soccer at Medaille

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Hitch - MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Interpreter - MCC Mueller Theater

September 10, 2005

Volleyball at Wooster Invitational

First-Year Student Workday with Hosanna Industries

Men's and Women's Cross Country at Thiel Invitational

11:00 AM Women's Tennis at Washington and Jefferson

1:00 PM Football at Allegheny

1:00 PM Women's Soccer at Penn State-Behrend

3:00 PM Men's Soccer at Penn State-Behrend

7:00 PM Mass - Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM CPC Presents: Barry Drake and the History of Rock and Roll in the 60s - MCC Club/Lounge

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Interpreter - MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Hitch - MCC Mueller Theater

September 11, 2005

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Hitch - MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Vespers - Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - Patterson 311

8:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal - Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Interpreter - Mcc Mueller Theater

September 12, 2005

Sorority Meetings

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel - Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - MCC Witherspoon Maple

9:00 PM Monday Night Football: Philadelphia Eagles vs. Atlanta Falcons - MCC Club

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship - MCC Club/Lounge

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night - MCC Club/Lounge

September 13, 2005

Last Day to Add ($15 Fee)

4:00 PM Women's Tennis at Grove City

9:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting - MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

9:00 PM Newman Club - MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night - MCC Club/Lounge

September 14, 2005

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Josten's Ring Days - MCC TUB

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Prayer and Reflection - Wallace Memorial Chapel

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Grover Pitman, "New Wine Music in the Anglican Church" - MCC Mueller Theater

4:30 PM Women's Soccer vs. Allegheny (H)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting - MCC Mueller Theater

September 15, 2005

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Josten's Ring Days - MCC TUB

12:30 PM Case Western Reserve Admissions Representative/Informational Meeting - Hoyt 369

5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting - Patterson 231

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Greek Summit - MCC Witherspoon Maple

7:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium - MCC Mueller Theater

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night - MCC Club/Lounge

September 16, 2005

Volleyball Hosts Westminster Invitational

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel - Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Herbie Fully Loaded - MCC Mueller Theater

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Titan's Tavern - MCC Club/Lounge

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Longest Yard - MCC Mueller Theater

September 17, 2005

Men's and Women's Cross Country at Penn State-Behrend Invitational

Volleyball Hosts Westminster Invitational

1:00 PM Women's Soccer vs. Thomas More (H)

1:00 PM Football at Hiram

3:00 PM Men's Soccer vs. Thomas More (H)

7:00 PM Mass - Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM CPC Presents: Recycled Percussion - MCC Club/Lounge

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Longest Yard - MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Herbie Fully Loaded - MCC Mueller Theater

Crossword

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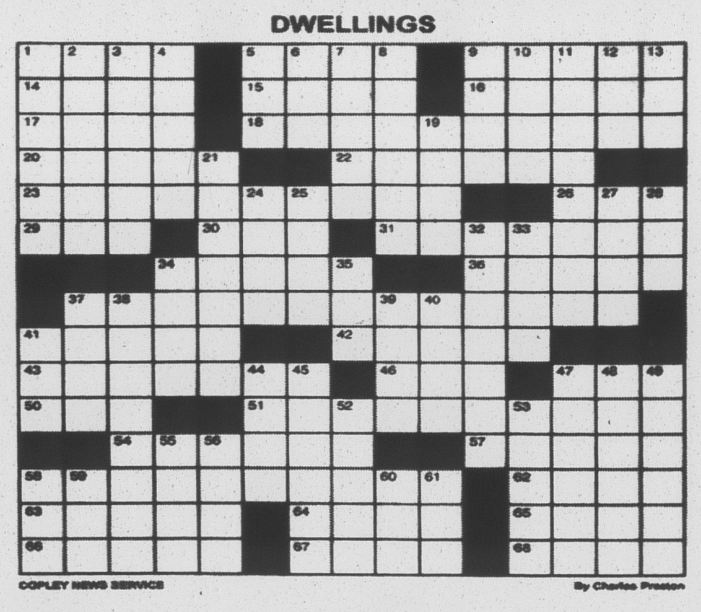

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE By Charles Preston

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57 Beethoven's Archduke, and others
58 Ballroom dance
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64 Exchange premium
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27 Run in neutral
28 ___ Plaines
32 Principle
33 Golfer's collection
34 Other, in Toledo
35 Pejorative suffix
37 Colombian city
38 Compulsively preoccupied with
39 Persian and Manx
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44 Millet's "Man With ___"
45 Grieg's homeland
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48 Prima ballerina, e.g.
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53 Lost a lap
55 Longfellow's bell town
56 Court action
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59 Latin I word
60 Diamond ___
61 One of Sennett's finest

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Misconceptions or duplicitous activity will come to light this week. Avoid creating a state of confusion by being upfront and honest with a partner or mate.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Stay positive, learn to whistle while you work and you will get a lot accomplished. Lay down solid plans and direct your energy effectively.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Social, sports or entertainment plans are highlighted. Spend quality time with children or loved ones engrossed in activities that will make you smile.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Look forward to moments of internal harmony this week. If you play your cards right, your emotional needs are easily identified and fulfilled.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): A networking meeting or a team brainstorming session yields very positive results. Get together with your peers or colleagues and bounce around a few ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): There is a lot of activity in your financial arena this week. Stay on your fiscal toes, stick to your budget and be prepared for sudden gains or unexpected losses.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Your thinking or perspective is totally transformed through your contact with others. Speak up and let everyone know where you are coming from.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Let go of the notion or the need to hold on to things as they are. Be willing to tie up loose ends and to move happily forward in a new direction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Expect lots of pressure or demands from friends or associates this week. Put your foot down and defend your position and your ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Avoid workaholic tendencies. Play it smart and take steps to establish a comfortable balance between your personal endeavors and your professional life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Thoughts will create your reality. Be conscious of the subjects or topics that you choose to focus or concentrate on. Think positively and plan for success.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Review your financial history and get a handle on investments, taxes or insurance.

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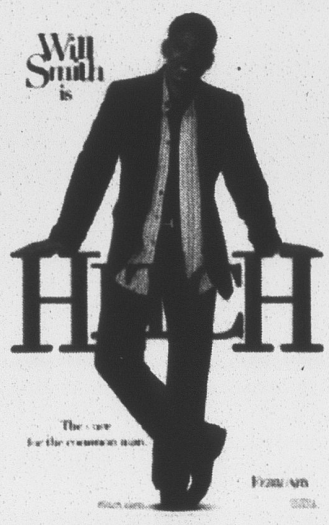

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Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater

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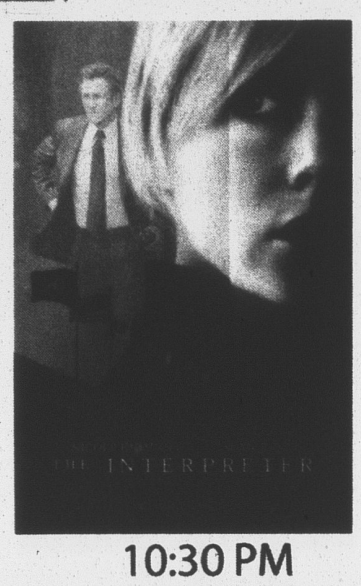
"The Interpreter"



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FRIDAY!
Gateway Clipper Cruise
Gather at Field House before 8:50 pm
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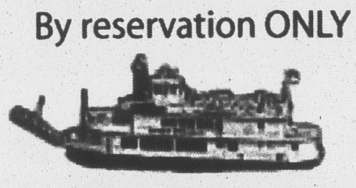
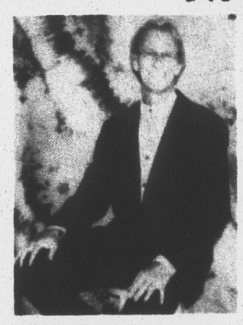




SATURDAY!
"Behind The Music"
Look at the 60's with Barry Drake, one of Rock Music's foremost historians
8 pm Club Room

Late Night
Mon-Tue-Thurs
10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
The Club Room

COMING SOON...

Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

Sept. 16	Titan's Tavern
Sept. 17	Recycled Percussion
Sept. 24	Monte Carlo
Sept. 30	Titan's Tavern
Oct. 7	Comic- Leighann Lord
Oct. 21	Jazz Concert
Oct. 22	Night Owl Bowling
Oct. 28	Rotaract Presents!
Oct. 28	Titan's Tavern
Nov. 5	Night Owl Bowling
Nov. 11	Titan's Tavern
Nov. 19	Night Owl Bowling
Dec. 2	Titan's Tavern
Dec. 9	Comic- Dan Ahdoot
Dec. 10	Night Owl Bowling

FEATURES

The Captain's Survival Tips

Amanda Hauger takes class of '09 inside the campus

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the first year students. As an upperclassman, I can tell you that the first year of your college experience will be the most trying.

I vividly remember my freshman year, trudging up the hill to Jeffers, grabbing a sandwich from the old Tub, and trying to avoid as many people from my Fresh Start group as possible.

Most of my freshman year was spent wearing a lanyard around my neck (until a junior told me to stop doing that) and feeling like I just didn't fit in.

Needless to say, my first year didn't go as well as planned, which is why I'm going to offer you some tips that will ensure your success.

Get Involved. If you had a chance to go to the Activities Fair, great! If not, try to get information on as many activities and organizations as you can. It might take awhile to find the right ones for you, but I can assure you that once you do, it will make all the difference. There isn't much to do around here unless you take initiative and join organizations, otherwise you'll spend all four years staring at the back of Amish buggies. Getting involved is a great way to meet people, and leadership experience is always a plus on your resume.

Limit AIM Usage. The AOL Instant Messenger is a great tool for communicating with family, friends and peers, especially when they live in different parts of the country. But I can honestly say that for me, it is the #1 greatest tool for procrastination and distraction. It's so easy to get involved in a typing conversation and forget about that pile of work sitting right next to you on your desk. I've learned to limit the amount of time I let myself spend on AIM and found that I am much more productive.

Be approachable. Westminster is a friendly campus and everyone here will take to you well as long as you are approachable. Nothing puts off the upperclassmen more than a freshman with an attitude, so leave it back in high school. Smile and be friendly, and people will like you. It's that simple.

Get to Know Your Professors and Advisors. There are so many great professors on the staff, and choosing the right classes can make all the difference in your work load, GPA and overall mental health state. Show up to class on time, try to sit near the front, and ask questions. Professors notice these kinds of students and usually reward them accordingly. Advisors play an important role in your college education, so make a good contact with him/her. Actively participating in your education is essential to a good college experience.

Talk to the Counselor. Babs Quincy is one of my favorite resources. She has given me some of the best advice and always keeps me on track. If you're ever feeling like there's a problem too big to deal with, make an appointment with Babs. You'll be glad you did.

Learn to Live with Your Roommate. My best advice on roommate relations is this: learn to live with them the way they are. I've found from experience that no matter how well you think you know a person, you truly don't know anyone until you've lived, breathed, and shared a 9.5' x 10.5' (Jeffers 331) room with them. If you have an extreme roommate dilemma (i.e. sleeps all day, stays up all night, stops showering, and eats all of your snacks) immediately seek out your RA or RD. These people get paid to help resolve roommate situations.

Random Tidbits. Don't try to put two comforters, two sheet sets, three blankets and two pillowcases into the washing machine all at once. It will break the motor and catch fire as you sit at the tub eating your chicken sandwich while the entire Ferguson Hall building is being evacuated. Don't carry around an open bottle of Captain Morgan and expect the Residence Life staff to say "Cheers!" as you walk by. And finally, don't expect the dining services to give you that same home-cooked meal that Mom always did- it isn't going to happen.

I wish you all the best in your first college experiences this year and in the years ahead. Treasure all of the little, funny moments now, they go by faster than you think. Good luck Titans- Class of 2009!

Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major. She regularly changes her hairstyle and haircolor once every couple of months, or whenever the mood strikes her. She enjoys watching her fish and starting fires in Ferguson Hall washing machines.

Flaccid tires may keep you from going extra miles

Flynn's Tire & Auto Service

By Kathryn Larson
Co-editor

With gas barely leaking out at $2 to $3.50 a gallon, your mood as well as your pocketbook may feel a little limp; however, keeping your tires checked can amp up that mood.

In fact, with a little practice, it'll maximize your miles.

The thing is, you've gotta make sure your valves are open to the experience.

Joe Flynn, owner of Flynn's Tires in New Castle, explains this effort is one you can do for yourself daily, weekly or every time you get your oil changed. He adds, "It's easy...you can definitely check it yourself."

In fact, it doesn't take much work to get down there. "Basically every tire has a valve stem and you just take that valve cap off," Flynn says.

But, to do it right, you'll need an air pressure gauge.

Periodically, it's important that you buy a new one. "Even the most powerful device loses its' measuring ability," he adds.

To begin he says, "You put the air pressure gauge onto the valve stem."

Then it gets fun. Scientifically, it's an effect called Turgor pressure, or as Flynn describes, "A part of the gauge will shoot up."

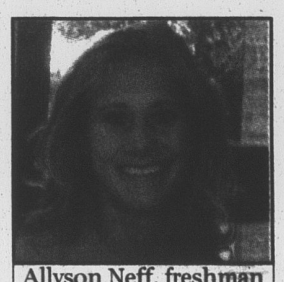
Now a word of warning...Every car is different, and because they vary, there is a placard inside the door of each vehicle. You'll want to examine your car carefully.

"What you always want to do is check the pressure of both the rear and front tires," he says.

He also adds that it is best to do it in the morning.

Q & A with one lucky freshman

Titan Eye Candy


Allyson Neff, freshman

As I sit in history 105 on the first day of classes, I take a look around the group around me. I recognize a few other seniors but generally decide that it is a much younger crowd. I notice a pretty, petite, soft-spoken girl sitting towards the front of the room. Her bright blonde, curly hair is thrown into one of those cute tossed up ponytails that I envy so much and her skin is a picturesque shade of sandy brown.

As I begin talking to this New Castle native, I discover her humorous side as we discuss comedies, in particular, this summer's "Wedding Crashers." Allyson tells me she has a younger brother who is 17 and a yellow lab named Lady. She is the epitome of a polite, well-spoken young woman and her shy demeanor continues as we talk about her boyfriend, who attends YSU. Puerto Rico has been the most fascinating place she's traveled to and she laughs as I tell her my mom got stung by fire ants when she visited the same location.

We begin discussing sports and I discover she is an active member of the women's soccer team but also participated in competitive gymnastics for nine years. Digging deeper into her gymnastics background, I find that she is quite the accomplished gymnast. Her biggest accomplishments include placing fourth in the all-around competition at Nationals and third place on the vault at Regionals. Although an injury she suffered last year left her unable to continue competitively within the sport, she has found a way to stay involved nevertheless.

Allyson now coaches gymnastics lessons at the YMCA in downtown New Castle. When asked what her favorite part about the sport was, she said, "I like the competition, getting out in front of an audience; because that's the only time I'm not as shy."

Allyson had the opportunity to meet Olympic gold medallist Dominique Moceanu, who had some good advice for her. "Stick it out and keep moving," said Moceanu. "Never back down."

Clearly Allyson Neff is a freshman to keep an eye out for on campus. Who knows, maybe she'll start up the first women's gymnastics team?!

Bookstore books: priceless?

By Leanna Stitt
Staff Writer

With the commencement of this new school year came many changes in the way I chose to handle things at Westminster College. For example; doing laundry. This year I've implemented a new plan that reflects my gradual apathy towards cleanliness and hygiene.

Another change for me came about through my book buying. Last year, all books I purchased were through the Westminster bookstore. This year, I'm turning over a new leaf and using modern technology to lower my debt to books. But alas, I still gave in and bought a few hard to find books from the bookstore. When I visited, I had the opportunity to talk with Kay Galanski, the very pleasant bookstore manager. She eloquently cleared up some misconceptions I held about bookstore business and also verified some other true conceptions I held.

So, let's go through a few Westminster College bookstore facts first:

Average Cost of Books: $450

Highest Known Cost of Books this semester (overload of credits): $700

Highest Cost Books for Incoming Majors Music

Well then, why are the costs so sky-scraping you ask? Partly, the high price of books has nothing to do with the campus bookstore and only to do with the publishers themselves. On average, the cost of core class books increases direct from the publisher $8 tri-annually. However, Westminster does determine the mark-up on these specified 'major' texts and consequently the price does increase from the publisher to the bookstore. But for pre-priced books (i.e. books originally marked with a price), the bookstore does not fluctuate the amount charged.

My next question to Kay concerned the profit margin of the bookstore. Kay stated, "We've kept the same profit margin for at least the last 12 years." She was both surprised and impressed that bookstore profit hasn't decreased with the increase of internet buying. Kay attributes this profit static to the rise of shipping costs and the tendencies of students to purchase a small quantity of their overall texts online. Yet another reason she believes why profit remains changeless deals with incoming students' parents and their concern of settling their child into school with all the correct necessities. According to Kay, the profit money goes right back into the operating budget of the college since the bookstore is owned by Westminster.

When I began this process earlier this summer, I inquired book information from my upcoming professors so that I may order the required texts online. Most of my professors supplied the needed information, but some referred me to the bookstore instead. When I proceeded to call the bookstore, they informed me that book information would not be available until the week before classes began. I asked Kay about this and she told me "the bookstore does not encourage it (giving out book information)" mainly because of problems it causes the students. Professors may leave or change so the possibility of ordering the wrong books online arises. Also, Kay remarked that she alone represents the bookstore staff throughout the summer and could not conceivably give out book information to all inquiring students. Even if she did, there is always a chance of transposing errors.

So you maybe reading this and wondering, "well this is just dandy, but the truth is I'm still waiting for books to come in for my classes at the bookstore!" Occasionally, yes this maybe the bookstore's fault, but most of the time the fault lies in the hands of either the professor, the publisher or the students. Professors often leave and sometimes a new professor doesn't replace them until the end of the summer, when it is too late to order books on time. Throughout the end of summer, publishers often run out of demanded texts so they put them on back order. And finally, books are not always properly accounted for the number of students who wish to add or drop a class.

Full refunds will be made from 9/3 – 9/21 providing:

1. You show your drop/add card

2. You have your cash receipt

3. There are no markings in the book.

Dates for selling back textbooks: 12/14-12/17 Bookstore will pay 50% of the purchase price on textbooks that are needed for the following semester. All others are sold to a used book company for their individual blue book value.

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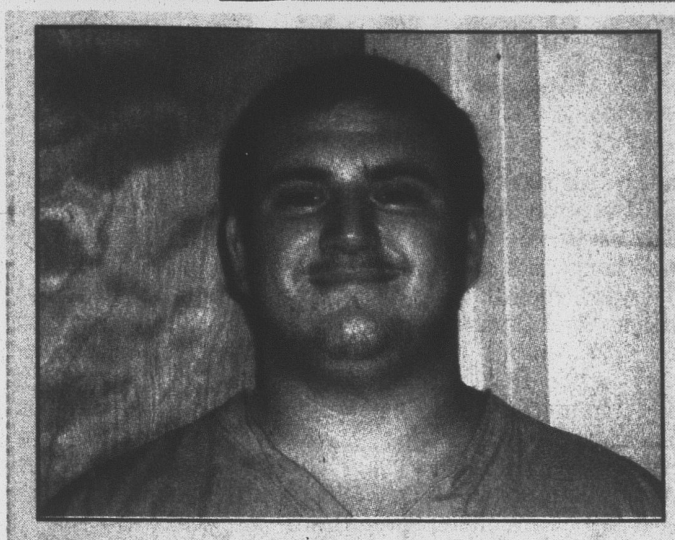

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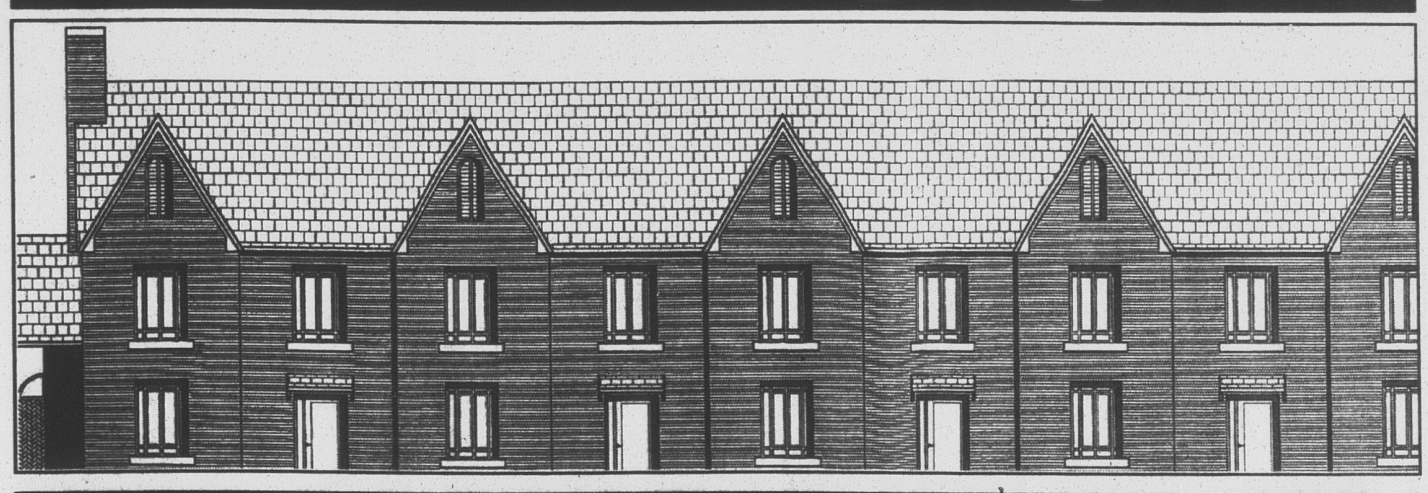

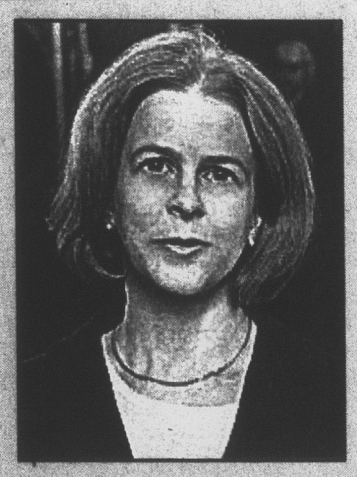

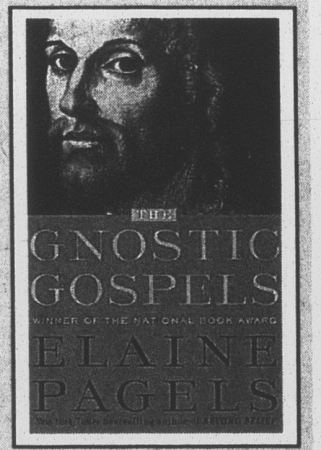

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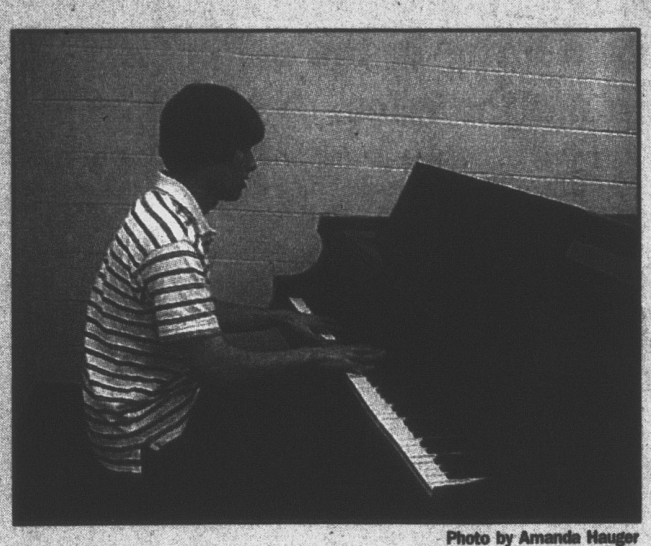

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"Legend" of the ivories
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Collecting garbage; campus fills a global need

By Allison Houser
Campus Writer

Some students are not aware of what composting actually is, and even fewer are aware of the college's new attempts to clean up through composting.

Last October, Dr. Clarence Harms, director of the field station and biology professor, wrote a grant proposal to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

In the proposal, Harms gave two reasons why the campus needed composting.

First, less reusable things would be in landfills, where, contrary to popular belief, things do not decompose.

Second, it would help educate the students. Not only did the college get the $90,000 grant, but it was the only college to do so. All of the grant money is used for supplies. So far, the college has purchased a pick-up truck, a tractor and a screener, which is used to decide if the compost is ready to be used for other purposes.

"I think it's one of those big steps that the campus really needed," said sophomore Hollyann Leach, president of Sierra Club. "If you start with a small community, you can branch out more."

The college uses two types of compost. Pre-consumer compost is what the kitchen staff generates, such as watermelon rinds and materials like it. Post-consumer compost is what the students generate. Examples are things like uneaten salads, breads, cheese, etc. Labeled trash cans are in Galbreath Dining Hall for students to separate their compostable items.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, Harms collects the trash bags filled with compostables. He then sorts through each bag to make sure everything is, in fact, compostable. So far, in addition to finding food products that are not able to compost, Harms has found a fork, a spoon, a knife, and a dish in the compost bags.

"It's like fishing. You never know what you're gonna get," Harms said.

Harms also weighs every bag of compost material he gets. During the first two weeks of classes, the college generated more than one ton of compostable materials.

After weighing and sorting the material, Harms adds it to the compost pile and covers it with dirt. It will then take about five to seven weeks to decompose.

"Our little microbes are the most important players," Harms said.

After the material is composted, it will be used as mulch for the trees and the flower beds.

All students who eat in Galbreath play an active role in the composting effort. All that needs to be done is taking care when sorting garbage after a meal.

In addition to food items (other than meat and bones), coffee grounds, tea bags, shredded paper and shredded newspapers make excellent compost.

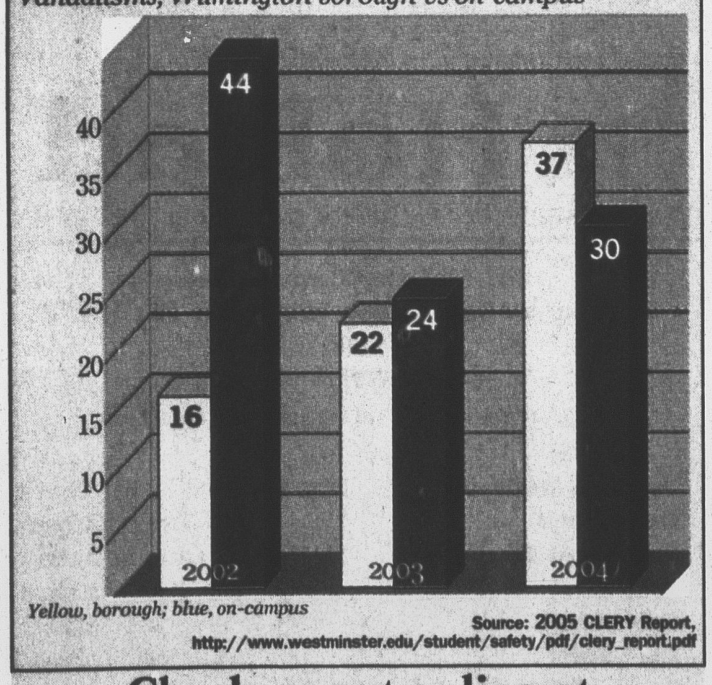
"It's a direct way for the people involved to see more of the global nutrient cycles that sustain the planet," junior Colby King said.

Students can get involved in the composting effort by contacting Dr. Harms or by simply spreading the word.

The community can also join in by bringing garbage bags filled with compostable items to the college field station on Mondays.

Campus statistic of the week

Vandalisms, Wilmington borough vs on-campus



Yellow, borough; blue, on-campus

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Dr. Perkins here & abroad

College 'Colonel' invades England

By Hugh Hothem
Staff Writer

A Kentucky colonel backed by an army of 30 students infiltrated England Wednesday, Sept. 7 for the college's first study-abroad program with Oxford University.

Do not mistake this colonel for Col. Harlan Sanders of the popular Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise, for this professor of 32 years does not specialize in chicken, but in stamps.

Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher recently gave the college's own chairman of the English and public relations department, Dr. James Perkins, a colonel commission for his efforts to move Congress to create a commemorative U.S. postage stamp. The stamp is in tribute to Kentucky native Robert Penn Warren, the nation's first official poet laureate.

The stamp acknowledges Warren's successes as a Pulitzer Prize winner and a figure of American literature. Perkins, a credited Warren scholar, was named chair of the Robert Penn Warren Circle to decide how to celebrate the late author's 100th birthday. After countless letters to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Commission, senators, representatives of Congress and college presidents, Perkins won the battle; a celebratory stamp was issued in Warren's honor.

According to the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, Perkins now joins nearly 143,000 Kentucky colonels throughout the world, including Pope John Paul II, Bob Hope, Ronald Reagan, Bing Crosby, Mae West, Tiger Woods, Richard Petty, Whoopi Goldberg and Loretta Lynn.

Yet, it appears that Col. Perkins seems less rapt by his own achievements and looks more toward the greater good that such a triumph can do for young readers. "If some young person picks up a book by Robert Penn Warren, all this would have been worth it," Perkins told the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. "As a teacher, my interest is getting students to read. I'll put up with being a Kentucky colonel if it will make somebody read."

Now that Perkins has conquered his mission in the States, his next duty is to fight a battle for literature overseas. The Colonel will teach Westminster students courses in18th century literature and travel writing during the ensuing fall semester at Pembroke College in Oxford. His Warren quest is not over, however. While he is there, he will attempt to unveil the mystery as to why Warren was thrown out of New College in 1930 when he was in Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.

During the Colonel's absence on the home front, Dr. Ross Wastvedt will continue serving as chairman of the English and public relations department until Perkins returns Dec. 6 after what will surely be a triumphant victory. Will the department see a change in discipline upon his return?

"We'll have to salute him now," Dr. Suzanne Prestien said.

opinions/editorials

Forum for Your Thoughts

Once a month, the editorial staff invites a member of the campus community to share his or her own experiences involving the college's traditions as another vehicle for perceptive discourse on this leading liberal arts campus. This week, emeritus chemistry professor and archivalist Dewey Dewitt speaks candidly, enlightening us on the newly renovated Old Main.

ABOUT OLD MAIN MEMORIAL

OLD MAIN MEMORIAL is the third building on that site. The first building, the only college building, was built in 1855 to replace a small building that was located where the south transept of the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church is now located.

The original was 58 ft. wide by 90 ft. long. The building burned February 27, 1861 and was replaced by "Old Main" in time for classes in the fall of 1862. It cost $9000, was three stories high and was only slightly larger than the first building. It housed not only classrooms but also the chapel and the library. There were a few modifications made during its 65 year history.

OLD MAIN burned on January 24, 1927, destroying not only the library and chapel but ruining the college bell, which had given a familiar sound in the borough.

The Board of Trustees acted swiftly and gave the design contract to A.L. Thayer of New Castle. Thayer designed the building, including the chapel, in the collegiate Gothic style; it is constructed in native sandstone.

The building cost approximately $335,000 plus about $55,000 in furnishings.

The organ was donated by a local family and the college bell was recast by the Carnegie Steel Company as a gift. The chapel was not named until 1938. Until McGill Library was built, the library collection, which began anew, was housed in the top floors of Thompson-Clark.

Over the years, there have been a number of internal rearrangement but no major structural changes. There was a furnace for the building at one time but it now receives heat from another building.

The ivy makes for an attractive scene, but it is corrosive and the building has to be repainted from time to time.

The initial 12-bell carillon was added in 1935 as a gift from William Duff, a member of the Board of Trustees. It was expanded to 35 bells in 1978 by a gift from Mrs. Katherine Stewart Armington, '16, another member of the Board.

H. Dewey DeWitt
College Archivist

Goodbye, Fishy

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

Every single fish in the stream was dead. Every last one was belly up in their watery graves.

I was originally going to write about haircuts. More specifically, how I need one like it's my job. I was planning on going into the trials and tribulations about finding a place that cuts it just right. I also had some criticism about how expensive it was to get a decent haircut. It was going to be a really good article. Unfortunately, you get this instead.

I had one of the saddest and most perplexing experiences of my college career this past week. It was then that I decided that my rant about haircuts would have to be postponed if not forgotten.

The story must be told.

Why, I have no idea.

I just know that I have this space to write in, and either you're going to read it or skip to the crossword. I suppose it doesn't really matter.

I was walking back to Eich from another intestine-exploding meal at Galbreath. It was a normal day for once, and all was well in my little world. As I crossed the bridge that connected the shores of the mighty stream, I noticed something awry. Something horribly wrong. Looking back, that was probably the smell. Then again, you can usually get a good whiff of the guys' dorms by the time you reach the bridge, so I really didn't think too much of it.

Every single fish in the stream was dead. Every last one was belly up in their watery graves. I stood on the bridge, mouth open in astonishment. It was almost as if every single fish had decided to stop moving at exactly the same moment. For a while, I mourned the loss of the little fish and the joy they had once brought me.

These were the fish, you must remember, who used to eat whole chickens. I saw students feeding the lovable little buggers everything from burgers to ice cream. They didn't care. They ate it all. Heck, once I saw a student standing in the stream with a cup trying to catch one of the elusive fish. She jumped out of the water, in the end, because the fish had started to nibble at her ankles. These fish were fighters. Whatever happened to them was something big.

I also remembered a story where the world ended in a blinding nuclear flash. The sole survivor was a girl on a farm. One day she noticed all the fish in the stream had died from radiation poisoning. I think she stayed far, far away from it for the rest of the book.

The only logical conclusion that I can draw from it all is that Westminster College is poisonous to fish. Now let's go swimming!

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. He spends most of his spare time nursing an addiction to "Kool-Aid Jammers" and creating insane theories about dinosaurs. If you see him on campus, give him a cookie. This will please him, as well as shut him up until you can escape.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR...

It is 5:30 pm on a Friday and I'm all done with class, so why is it I am so upset? Here is the exact path I took to arrive at the state of annoyance I currently find myself in. As I have a laptop but no printer, I took my USB memory stick to the computer lab in T.C. to print out a few assignments. After a quick detour because the corridor between McKelvey and T.C. was locked, I arrived at the computer lab to find it empty and thankfully unlocked.

After a small argument with the printer which didn't seem to want to work, a security guard showed up. He informs me that this particular lab has been closed for an hour and I should not be in it. He should have done his job and locked it an hour ago, but that is another rant for another time.

He kindly suggests I try using the McGill lab, according to the schedule it is open till 8:30 on Fridays. Surprise, surprise, as I approach the library I am met by a little white sign saying the library will be closing at 5pm on Fridays for the time being. This doesn't help me because it is now 5:25.

Not yet beaten, I walk to Patterson hoping I will get lucky. Alas, as I should have expected, another locked door barred my path.

As there are only 3 computer labs left on campus, that leave zero labs open for student use on a late Friday afternoon. I don't know about you, but the honor of Westminster College being one of America's most "wired colleges" seems like a joke to me.

I suppose I am not meant to do homework on a weekend, here on our wonderfully "wired campus."

With Concern,
Kristen Sargent
Computer Lab User

Want to write a letter to the editor?
Here are the rules.

Letters to the editor are published weekly, as space permits. All letters must be submitted by email to the Holcad by 12 p.m. Tuesday to make the Friday issue. All letters must be limited to 400 words, typed and include the author's name and a phone number for confirmation. Letters must be free from offensive language, personal attacks and libelous or potentially libelous statements. The Holcad reserves the right to reject any letter. No letter will be edited when factually incorrect or in need of contexual clarification. Rather, an editor's note will be included. Grammar and spelling errors will also not be corrected. Opinions expressed are those of the author. E-mail letter to: holcad@westminster.edu.

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Do you go to a lot of campus events? Do you like to take pictures?

If so, you could be a photographer for the Holcad!

The Holcad is looking to add one or two additional photographers for the 2005-2006 academic year. To apply, email the Holcad or stop by our office to pick up an application. You will also need to submit some photos you have taken in the past year or two. The position is open to students in any and all classes, regardless of age. The position is paid (and well!) and you do not need to qualifty for employment or federal work study. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

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Westminster Outside the Bubble

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

A Cruel Joke Gets Troopers' Attention

State Police in Mercer County say a Youngstown man faces a hefty fine for pulling a cruel prank on his sister and using state troopers in the process. Police say the man asked them to notify his next of kin in Mercer County that his mother had died. However, his mother was in fact alive. Troopers say the prank could cost the man a $300 fine and 90 days in jail if he's convicted of making false statements to police.

Late Start for New Castle High

It's finally back to school this week for New Castle High students as the district's new school opened this week. School officials say construction delays forced them to postponed the the start of class until the week after Labor Day. The delay will also mean the academic year will now turn through June 15. The new high school cost $50-million and took three years to build.

Gov Wants to Raise Minimum Wage

Governor Rendell says that if lawmakers can have a pay raises, so should the average citizens of the Commonwealth. This week the Governor announced his plans to seek a raise in Pennsylvania's minimum wage. One proposal now floating around in Harrisburg would increase the current $5.15/hour wage by two dollars over the next two years.

Flooding Flashback

One year ago this week the remnants of Hurricane Frances brought heavy rains and widespread flooding to Lawrence and Mercer Counties. In Wilmington Township the Little Neshannock Creek turned into a river flooding dozens of homes and forcing families to flee. A week later rains from Hurricane Ivan moved across the area causing even more flooding and damage to communities in the Pittsburgh area.

Weaver's WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1). Identify the individual who resigned from the Bush Administration this week in the wake of criticism to the federal response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster?
A. R. David Paulison
B. Michael Brown
C. Michael Chertoff
D. Thad W. Allen
E. Ray Nagin

2). Name the U.S. Senator chairing the Senate Judiciary Committee's confirmation hearings for chief justice nominee John Roberts.
A. Rick Santorum
B. John Cornyn
C. Arlen Specter
D. Patrick Leahy
E. Charles E. Schumer

3). Which state took the brunt of the pounding from Hurricane Ophelia this week?
A). Georgia
B). Florida
C). Virginia
D). North Carolina
E). Mississippi

4). Which magazine (via its web site) claims to be first in reporting Britney Spears gave birth by Caesarean section to a baby boy on Wednesday?
A). The National Enquirer
B). People
C). Entertainment Weekly
D). Us Weekly
E). Star Magazine

5). Identify the airline merging with US Airways.
A). Northwest
B). Delta
C). America West
D). Southwest
E). United

6). What is the title of Martha Stewart's daytime television talk show?
A). Martha Stewart Living
B). Martha Stewart
C). The Apprentice: Martha Stewart
D). Martha
E). Martha's Vineyard

7). Identify the Westminster landmark recently renovated at a cost of $3-million.
A). McGill Library
B). McKelvey Center
C). Thompson-Clark Hall
D). Old Main

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Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations professor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with current event quizzes.

Ripped from the Wire

REGIONAL

Families, friends gather to remember heroes of Flight 93

9/11 Anniversary number four

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. (AP) - Brian Rohrbaugh lives hours from the southwestern Pennsylvania field where Flight 93 crashed after it was hijacked by terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001.

Yet the Lancaster County rescuer and his wife brought their young children to Somerset County on Sunday to remember the 40 passengers and crew who died as they struggled with hijackers for control of the plane.

"I feel it's very important to remember September 11th. The first heroes of 9/11 were here," said Rohrbaugh, 33, a member of the Ephrata Area Rescue Service, who was attending his second memorial service for Flight 93.

U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, U.S. Senator Rick Santorum, Gov. Ed Rendell and former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge joined about 1,000 others at the fourth memorial service Sunday morning in Shanksville.

As volunteers slowly read the names of each of the 40 passengers and crew, a large bell sounded, followed by the peal of a smaller bell.

United Flight 93 was en route to San Francisco from Newark, N.J., when it was hijacked. The plane crashed in a reclaimed strip mine at about 10:06 a.m., about 80 minutes after the first plane struck the World Trade Center in New York.

The official 9/11 Commission report, released last year, said the hijackers crashed the plane as passengers tried to take control of the cockpit. Officials believe the hijackers had targeted either the White House or the U.S. Capitol.

Ridge and Gonzales praised those who died, saying their actions saved the lives of others.

"The passengers and crew are an emblem of America's great glory: freedom and patriotism demonstrated at its highest regard," Ridge said. "Here upon this field of honor, lives were saved and heroes were made."

"Let us to do all we can to honor all those who rose up with resolve to defeat evil, who were released into the arms of angels to see the grateful face of God," Ridge said.

Gonzales said "without knowing that their actions would galvanize their fellow citizens, these brave men and women embodied the spirit of America. Their resilience became our resolve. Their rallying cry became our call to arms."

Gonzales also cautioned that America must not regress into complacency.

"The list of names we hear on this day reminds us not only of a group that left us too soon, but of the legacy they left behind. Ours is an inheritance of action in the face of adversity and courage in the course of sacrifice," Gonzales said.

On Wednesday, officials with the Flight 93 Advisory Commission announced the winner of a design competition for a memorial at the 2,000-acre site.

The "Crescent of Embrace" memorial, created by a team of designers led by Paul Murdoch Architects of Los Angeles, will feature a chapel with 40 metallic wind chimes symbolizing each of the victims. The memorial will also include pedestrian trails and a roadway leading to a visitor center and the actual crash site, which will be surrounded by a crescent of maple trees.

The design still must be approved by the director of the National Park Service and the secretary of the Interior. Officials are hoping to raise about $30 million for the memorial. The state of Pennsylvania has already donated more than $10 million.

"This memorial will not hide from pain. Their stories will be told," Murdoch said. The memorial also won't embrace hatred or retreat from fear, Murdoch said Sunday. "We must heal. We must love."

Families of those who died dismissed recent criticism that the design was inappropriate because it incorporates a crescent, a symbol of Islam.

Last week, Murdoch said that the crescent was created to add formality to the bowl-shaped valley surrounding the crash site.

"As a family member, I'm not offended by any means at all," said Gordy Felt, of Remsen, N.Y., who participated in the memorial project. His brother, Edward Porter Felt, died on Flight 93.

Calvin Wilson, whose brother-in-law, Flight 93 co-pilot LeRoy Homer Jr., was killed, thanked the local community for embracing the families of victims since the crash.

Speaking through tears Sunday, he said as he addressed those gathered, "This is always tough, but I'll do it every year."

NATIONAL

Katrina causes all-time highs in retail prices

Gas prices soar higher

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Damage to Gulf Coast refineries and pipelines by Hurricane Katrina pushed retail gas prices to historic highs in the past two weeks, with self-serve regular averaging more than $3 a gallon for the first time ever, according to a nationwide survey released Sunday.

The weighted average price for all three grades surged more than 38 cents to nearly $3.04 a gallon between Aug. 26 and Sept. 9, said Trilby Lundberg, who publishes the semimonthly Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations around the country.

Self-serve regular averaged $3.01 a gallon nationwide, according to the survey. Midgrade was pegged at about $3.11, while premium-grade was at nearly $3.21.

"That's all thanks to Katrina," Lundberg said.

The spike occurred despite declines in the cost of crude oil in recent weeks.

The hurricane decimated refineries along the Gulf Coast, cutting 11 percent of the nation's refining capacity for all petroleum products and shutting down essential pipelines to the East Coast and elsewhere, Lundberg said.

On Saturday, more than 120 Gulf of Mexico oil and gas platforms were still closed and nearly 60 percent of the Gulf of Mexico's normal daily oil production remained blocked from the market because of evacuations due to Hurricane Katrina, the federal Minerals Management Service said.

Adjusted for inflation, the nation's previous high weighted average for all three grades was $1.38 a gallon in March 1981. That would be $3.03 in current dollars.

Lundberg said prices could drop sharply in the coming weeks by 10 cents or more as gasoline imports flow in and demand eases with the traditional September drop-off, fewer drivers in storm-stricken areas and other consumers limiting trips to the pump.

INTERNATIONAL

Australia High School Plans Class on Surfing

Surfing as a class?

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - An Australian high school hopes to stop beach-loving students from bailing out of class by making surfing an approved subject.

Byron Bay High School will offer surfing as part of a recreation course that from next year will count toward a high school certificate in New South Wales state.

"You've got students who are at risk of dropping out of school and the school has developed this course as a way to provide a pathway for these students into future employment and keep them connected to education," state Education Minister Carmel Tebbutt said.

But Federal Education Minister Brendan Nelson said surfing as a subject made a mockery of the education system.

"That we're now apparently offering it as a HSC (high school certificate) subject in New South Wales is an absolute disgrace," Nelson said.

Byron Bay has 16 surfing students this year but the state school board has only agreed to allow the subject to count toward a student's HSC from next year.

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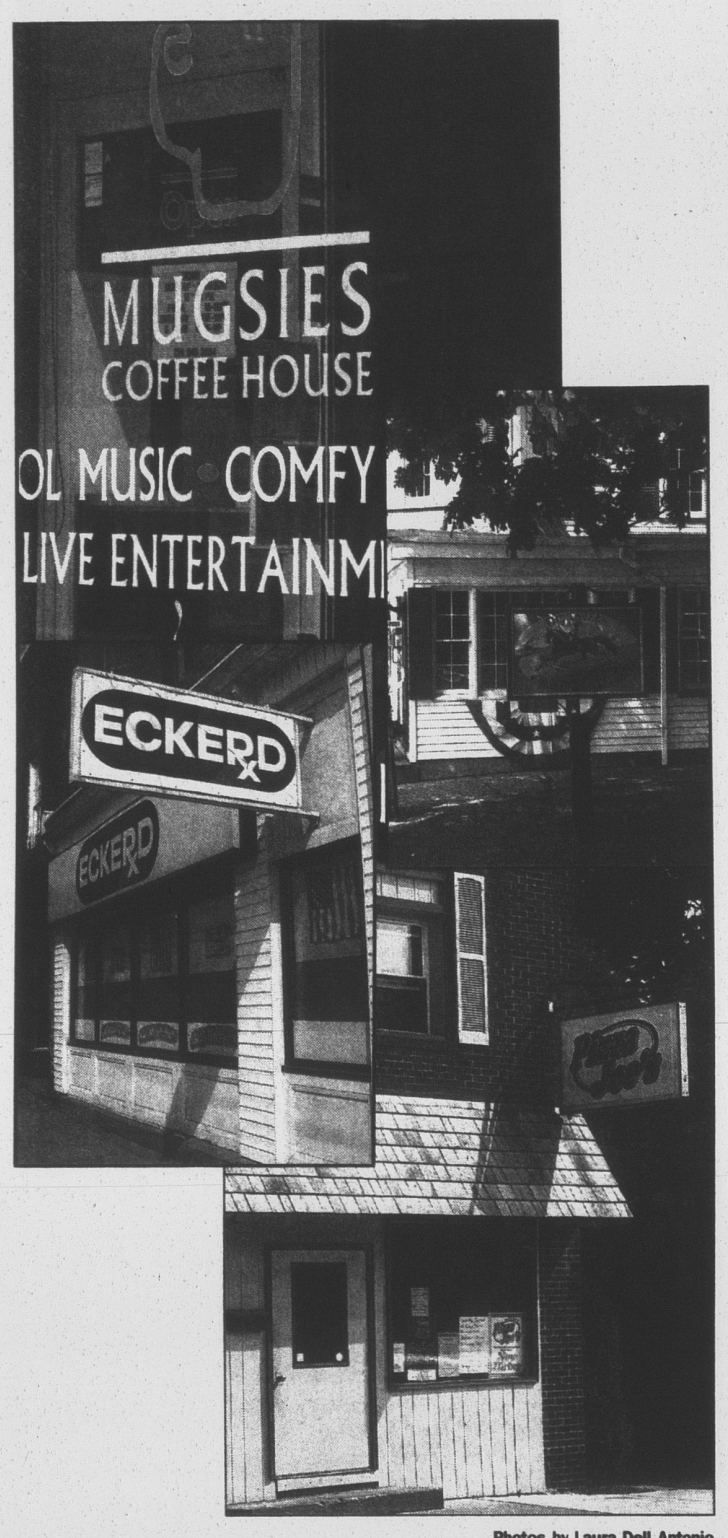
Town Titan cards rejected; idea needs tweaking



Photos by Laura Dell Antonio

Mugsies, The Tavern, Eckerd, and Pizza Joe's are just some of the establishments in the borough that students could patronize with their Titan Dollars.

By Angela Donnell
Campus Writer

The Titan Card, students' principal form of identification and payment, will continue to be used primarily on campus.

Returning students will notice that the Titan Card machines, which were to be placed in Mugsies, Pizza Joes, and other various local businesses during the summer, are not there.

"The idea sort of fizzled out," business manager Donald Shelenberger said.

Last year, SGA looked into helping to purchase Titan Card machines to be used in various locations around New Wilmington. The machines were to allow students to purchase items to eat in town, rather than being limited to only eating on campus. They would permit students to purchase items with money from their Titan Dollar account, rather than having to carry cash or a credit card with them.

However, when it came time for the machines to be purchased, a problem arose. They are expensive, and there's fear that there are not enough students interested in the program to make the purchase worthwhile.

"Everyone talked about it like it was a done deal," Shelenberger said. "Further talks with President Williamson led me to believe that he's just not keen on the idea at this time."

Some students who once thought that the Titan Card machines were a good idea have since changed their minds.

"When first talked about, I thought the money would come from our Dine Dollar plan, not our Titan Dollars," junior Colby King said. "If the money were to come from our meal plans then it would be awesome."

According to Shelenberger having the money come from the Dine Dollar account is impossible.

"If we could get more students to show interest then we could set it into action."
Don Shelenberger

"Dine Dollars must be used on campus, that's our contract with Sodexho," Shelenberger said.

Students may not be able to justify putting money on their Titan Card to eat somewhere else, when they could just as easily use a bank card and have the money taken out of their bank account.

None the less, this program is not being rejected. Shelenberger noted that he would still like to see the program enacted.

"The merchants are extremely interested in this program," Shelenberger stated. "If we could get more students to show interest then we could set it into action."

SGA's treasurer Sherri Breitigan says money has already been set aside in the budget for the machines.

"In last year's budget, I allocated $2,620 for the Titan Card machines," Breitigan said.

President R.Thomas Williamson confirmed that the issue is still being discussed.

"We'll be studying it over the next month or so, and we'll be working with SGA," Williamson said.

Similar programs to this are currently being used at other schools across the country. According to the Duke University dining website, their "Merchants on Points" dining program has been successfully providing students with more dining choices since 1990. Other schools to provide similar services include Penn State, and Bowling Green State University.

Students who are interested in participating in a program such as this should contact their current SGA senators.

On-campus debit & credit usage under consideration

By Sharon Englert
Campus Writer

Whether or not to accept debit and credit cards on campus may take some time to decide.

The option to use a debit or credit card on campus would certainly be of some help for the student body; however, it seems that this capability would be very costly for the college.

"This capability would cost a small fee for the business office every time we accepted a debit or credit card," business manager Don Shelenberger said.

Campus authorities would like students to claim convenience as an additional facet to their college experience. The question becomes whether or not the convenience is worth the cost.

"This is a subject that has many dimensions. Convenience is certainly one of them. However, the cost of such a program can be quite expensive," title controller of the business office Christine Martin said.

The business office is trying to take this capability into account to make it more convenient for students to pay for their textbooks, to add money to their Titan Cards, and to pay off bills that come in frequently.

They are asked repeatedly by students if they may use their debit or credit cards to pay for certain purchases.

Although this is an important factor which could aid in the convenience of campus life, no one in the business office knows for sure what is going to happen.

At the time, there are no answers to when action could begin or even who would be able to make the use of debit and credit cards on campus possible.

"Being able to use our debit and credit cards on campus would definitely be of some help to us as students. Like people always say, college students are broke. If we could use our credit cards, it would be so much easier for us... A lot of us have our banks back home...We have to be charged the fee from the ATMs in order to get that money out, which means more money from us. That's inconvenient!" sophomore Sheena Henderson said.

Perhaps eventually the capability to charge your purchases on campus may be an option.

For now, however, keep your checkbooks and cash handy.

Colleged website safety guide: additions improve security awareness

By Jen Matsick
Campus Writer

The 2005-06 Clery Report and campus safety guide have been updated and are now available online, featuring many revisions from the past school year, and the continuation of a system to improve safety conditions on campus.

New changes to the report include quick links to more information and an anonymous crime report form that can be filled out and sent in electronically. In addition, items mandated by law are now in bold, italicized type.

"It comes to me blind so I won't know where it came from," said assistant dean of student affairs and public safety John Lechner, of the electronic anonymous crime report form.

"Personally, I think it's important to have an anonymous report," said sophomore Shelley Perschke, an R.A. in Hillside Hall.

The quick links provide visitors access to websites that allow them to find information on sexual predators who may be living in the area. Sexual offenders must register themselves at the police department, and the information is available to the public.

"I feel safer with the knowledge these websites provide," said sophomore Jennifer Burnett.

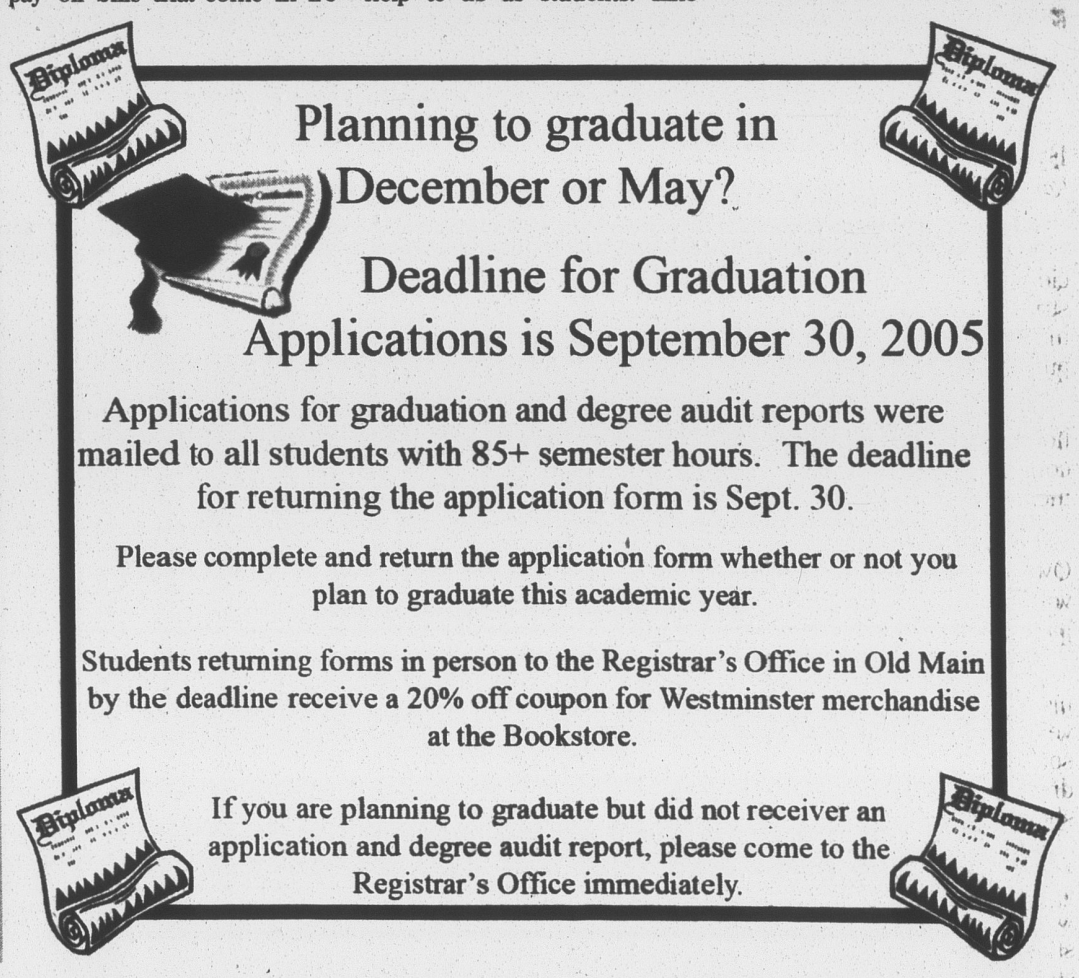
Along with these revisions, the department of public safety has also incorporated other preventative measures to keep students safe. Safe screen systems have been installed in Browne, Jeffers, and Hillside halls.

"We concentrate on any window that can be accessed from the ground," said Lechner. The high security screens are designed to prevent anyone from entering a dorm room through the window.

Other changes include updates to the campus maps to show emergency call boxes and defibrillators, improved lighting systems on campus, and an increase in the hours dormitory halls are locked to non-residents.

A record of on-campus crimes is available to the public in the assistant Dean's office. "The law mandates that I keep a log of incidents, of crimes," Lechner said.

The record is only required to cover the past six months, but Lechner's records go back more than a year. Each reported crime has a number, the location and time it occurred and the disposition of the case. The record also states how many of the reported crimes occurred in residence halls.



Planning to graduate in December or May?

Deadline for Graduation Applications is September 30, 2005

Applications for graduation and degree audit reports were mailed to all students with 85+ semester hours. The deadline for returning the application form is Sept. 30.

Please complete and return the application form whether or not you plan to graduate this academic year.

Students returning forms in person to the Registrar's Office in Old Main by the deadline receive a 20% off coupon for Westminster merchandise at the Bookstore.

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More news from around the campus

Knights, Armor, Action!

Spring students head to Arthurian legend land

By Jared Foster
Campus Writer

This coming May, students will be traveling to England to learn about King Arthur and the Arthurian Legend.

From May 22 through June 12, 2006, between 20 and 26 students will have an opportunity to tour around Great Britain. English department professors Dr. Fritz Horn and Dr. Deborah Mitchell will lead the expedition. While there, the students will learn about the legend of King Arthur.

"We will be having an informational meeting toward the end of September, so interested students can watch for our e-mail announcing the time and place for the meeting," Dr. Mitchell said.

Some of the main stops on the trip will be at Windsor Castle, St. George's Chapel, Warwick Castle, Hadrian's Wall, the city of York and York Minster Cathedral, Edinburgh Castle and Arthur's seat (Scotland), Tantallon Castle, Powis Castle (Wales), Tantagel Castle and the King Arthur Museum, Winchester Castle and Leeds Castle. Time will also be spent in London visiting the Tate, Westminster Abbey and the Tower of London. Most of the places are associated with the Legend of King Arthur.

The trip will be worth 2 credits and the class, offered in the spring, will also be worth 2 credits. Readings for the class will be books such as Mary Stewart's The Last Enchantment and T.H. White's The Once and Future King. Students in the class will also read Arthurian poetry, drama and short stories. Movies are another part of the curriculum. These will include Merlin of the Crystal Cave, Excalibur, The Sword of Lancelot, Camelot, First King, King Arthur and Monty Python's Holy Grail.

"The whole trip sounds exciting. I have always wanted to go to England, and this is a great opportunity. Studying mid-evil times and visiting old castles sounds like a lot of fun" sophomore Mike Gorka said.

"I am a history major and this is the first trip that the school has offered since I got here that is within my major. I have always wanted to go to England and a bonus is that it is worth 4 credits" sophomore history major Andrew Miller said.

This is only the third time this trip has been offered and the first time it is scheduled for the spring. Previous groups have gone in January 1995 and in December 2000.

A powerful tool: The Learning Center

By Josh Hensler
Campus Writer

With the start of the school year, students may be experiencing anxiety from some of their classes. Fortunately, the campus has a solution to troubled academics.

The Learning Center is located on the first floor of Thompson Clark and is an excellent tool for students who are willing to take advantage.

Mrs. Sally Huey is the director of the Learning Center and has worked there since 1989.

The Learning Center offers help in all majors and disciplines as well as any specific needs a student might have.

The teaching assistants identify the students' strengths and weaknesses and work with them to enhance specific skills like reading and writing.

The center is staffed by upperclassmen volunteers who excel in particular academic areas. The Learning Center is not a remedial center designed for students struggling with academics. Rather, it is a tool to help build confidence and give students an advantage in their studies.

Mrs. Huey says, "If you weren't a good student in high school, stop in and we'll help you bump up to the next level. If you are a good student, then stop in and we'll do the same. Any student can get help".

Mrs. Huey's biggest concern is the reputation that the Learning Center is on a remedial level designed only for students with poor academic histories. Instead, she expresses that the Learning Center is a comforting environment for both students and teachers to use.

"Our best advertising is students who have been to the Learning Center before," Mrs. Huey said.

Teachers have utilized the Learning Center as well to develop skills to help them express material to their students.

The teaching assistants don't just work at the learning center either, they are also clients. Just because they help teach on particular aspect does not mean they have no weaknesses.

That is when Mrs. Huey says the learning center is at its best, when a TA makes and appointment with another TA.

Students interested in becoming a teaching assistant for the learning center should stop in at the start of the spring semester to fill out an application.

Positions are completely voluntary and open to juniors and seniors or highly recommended sophomores.

Learning Center Hours

Monday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday evenings by appointment only

Call extension 6700 to make an appointment.

Wireless access plugs students, faculty into new capabilities

By Mary Leonetti
Campus Writer

Renovations in Old Main have brought new and helpful additions to the campus that will help everyone access Titannet a little more easily.

Old Main's renovations have brought forth the implementation of wireless communication throughout the building. Students who are a part of the economy/business and education curriculum will be able to bring their laptops to class to work on projects.

"Anyone with a laptop that is configured with a wireless NIC card and who has registered their laptop for wireless access will be able to connect wirelessly to the networks in McGill library, Mack Science Library, and Old Main," said Don Goodlin, telecommunications network engineer.

The decision to install wireless access in Old Main stemmed from the renovations already taking place.

However, it is not the only building on campus that has this access. Both McGill and Mack libraries received this same access through a grant from a graduating class last year, which gave an avenue to install wireless communication on campus.

As with anything new, there are advantages and disadvantages.

"Wireless access will give more users more places to access the network that could not be achieved using wired access," Goodlin said.

Goodlin also said that having to limit the amount of bandwidth a user can receive and possible signal loss were some disadvantages to this way of communication. It will also give some buildings that are costly to wire as well as some areas off campus access to wireless communication.

Reactions to this way of communication have been very positive, according to Goodlin.

Maggie Muir, a fifth-year, commented on the wireless communication on campus: "I think that it's great that we have it available to use on campus and that it will be available in many more areas in the future." She also likes the idea of it being accessible in the classroom for note taking in places where there is no wired or wireless communication.

Senior Sarah Bolger commented on a few problems she has encountered: "I think it's a great idea, and I think that it would be even better if they could get it to work properly on campus. It won't work with my laptop. I have tried to get a hold of personnel in charge, and I have had no luck."

Wireless communication will be spread across campus eventually, giving everyone a chance to have this access. The campus community and staff, however, will be the determining factor on where this access will be granted.

"As the need and desire grows, access points will be installed across campus," said Goodlin. "The access now on campus is permanent, and new wireless access will be added in the future."

Townhouse construction to begin shortly

By Christine Line
Campus Writer

Final details are being decided as the townhouse construction is about to begin, marking a new phase in campus development.

Fifteen four-person townhouses are scheduled to be completed for the 2006 fall semester.

Physical Plant Director Owen Wagner has been involved with the details for the past year.

These details included technical studies, designs and surveys. Remaining financial specifics are also being addressed and the construction should begin very shortly.

"We're anxious to get started and we're just about done with the planning, so we should see preliminary construction by the end of this month," Wagner said.

The townhouses will be divided into three different buildings with six, five, and four units. Most regulations for residence living will apply, and most likely there will be two R.A.s for the townhouses.

Dean of Student Affairs Neal Edman said the living arrangements are not finalized yet. Decisions still need to be made regarding possible leasing of washers/dryers and dishwashers.

The lottery for townhouses is still being decided as well, but will probably be similar to the off-campus lottery.

Cost for the townhouses is estimated at a 34 percent increase compared to a traditional double dorm room.

"We researched other colleges to see how this sort of thing works for them, and we have a lot of people on teams giving their input," Edman said. "We're trying to get a well-rounded perspective and make the townhouses as beneficial for students as possible."

Each single-sex townhouse will have four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen with appliances, and geothermal heating and cooling.

There will be at least one handicapped-accessible townhouse. Each townhouse will lock at night like the residence halls to ensure security. More parking will be added. The front doors will face the other units, forming a small quad.

"We still want students to interact with each other like they would in one of the residence halls," Edman said.

News of the townhouse construction has excited some students because of the opportunity for independence.

"It's nice that you'd still be on campus but have the benefits and independence of living in a townhouse," sophomore Erin Cameron said. "More privacy and having it seem like an apartment would make it more like home."

Both Edman and Wagner feel the townhouse construction has been a long time coming and will make the college more competitive.

Trustee George Berlin gave a generous contribution to the college, which helped make the construction possible. Financial security allowed the idea to become a reality.

"The idea has been there for a long time," said Wagner. "It'll be a great move culturally for the college and will raise the competitive standard for liberal arts schools."

Photo by Laura DelAnontio

A lone, shoveled-out hole is all that had manifested in the construction area in front of Russell Hall.

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Dormitory to be renovated

Hillside Hall lobby to undergo facelift, recieve new recreation, studying equipment

By Natalie Coccia
Staff Writer

Planning has begun for the renovation of Hillside lobby. This is part of the college and Residence Life plan for hall improvement over the years to come.

All of the furniture in Eichenauer was replaced over the summer, and Ferguson has also received new pieces last summer.

Reports say that the total cost of replacing the furniture reached $215,000.

Residence Life director Molly Mistretta said, "We are aware that we are not finished and are just pluggin' away."

The transformation of the halls is possible through a college funder called Residence Hall Improvement Fund.

Recently, Mistretta and Hillside Residence Director Kim Spead met with designer Cris Karbowski to discuss possible décor for the lobby.

Karbowski is an interior decorator for Wieland Furniture and has been hired by the college for the remodeling.

Plans consist of separating the space into five areas that will include a new pool table, high tables with bar stools and comfortable lodge-style chairs.

Fabric samples and paint colors have been discussed, but the topic of a new carpet is on hold until a set budget is established.

Plans to clean the fireplace and replace curtains are also on the agenda.

"Hopefully the renovations will attract more people to this nice space...with a little T.L.C., it'll be great," Spead said.

Planning for the renovation started last year, but was postponed due to other campus priorities that arose.

Residence Hall Improvement Fund gives a set budget for such changes each year based on the overall needs of the campus.

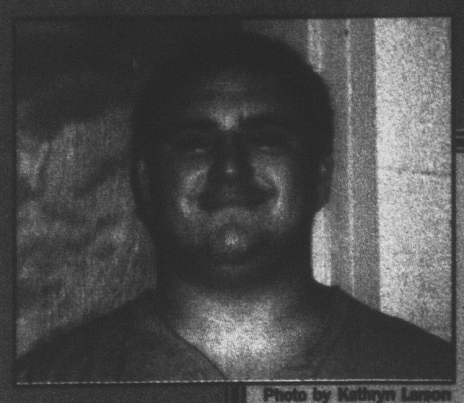
President Williamson will be the final judge on the plans for Hillside lobby.

Other dormitory improvements will follow over the next few years. These will hopefully include replacing all furniture in Ferguson and removing the shelving units in Galbreath.

Campus News

From Destruction to Determination

One student persists through the ruin of Hurricane Katrina, continues higher education



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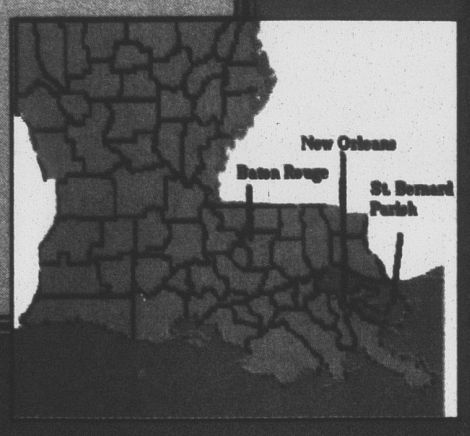


By Leanna Sim
Staff Writer

Imagine arriving home over fall break only to find nothing. You frantically search the rooms only to discover that each is empty. No dresser full of clothes, no macaroni and cheese stock in the pantry, no endless repertoire of music and movies, no nicknacks your family has accumulated over the years. Nothing.

Day after day this happens all over the globe; people return to devastation, to ruin, but now, this realization has hit home and we instantly feel the repercussions of it.

Because of Hurricane Katrina, over a million people in the United States now live homeless and try to cope with the overwhelming feeling of complete loss.

Now, one of the 372,000 displaced students from Louisiana and Mississippi resides on this campus.

Nick Manno, an upcoming freshman at Tulane University was supposed to begin classes as an electrical engineering major on August 31st, but Hurricane Katrina prevented him from ever setting foot on university grounds.

A few days before classes commenced, two levees in New Orleans collapsed, flooding the city with massive amounts of water. Then a third levee in the St. Bernard

Members of the chapel staff filed into his room on Monday night, bearing boxes of items from toothbrushes to towels to Tostitos.

clothing donations back in Gl... card, and a refrigerator from... his cousin which he brought... to his dorm. The transition... was a completely unfamiliar... home even sparked a quarrel... dorm room in the middle of... parish, where Nick lived on... lapsed causing even more... devastation. So here stood... News reports claim that the... Nick, with practically nothing... but the clothes on his back, still... and the family by his side.

A helicopter lifted his family... ly and many others from... New Orleans to Baton Rouge... Metropolitan Airport where... then took a flight to Colo... bus. From there, the Manno... drove to Girard, OH and... stayed a few weeks with some... relatives.

With a numerous selection of colleges to choose from, you may be wondering why Nick chose to transfer to Westminster. "I heard about this school through my parents who went here," Nick said. Currently, his immediate family resides in Louisiana.

When asked about the... pliability of students this fall... Nick replied, "I'm still pretty... about the welcoming reception... tion surrounding him since... his arrival on campus. Many... of the student body... to Tostitos.

He also acquired many new... from locations to hotels... to Tostitos.

Campus Speakers

Famous, published theologian to enlighten students

By Hugh Hothem
Staff Writer

This next Thursday, Sept. 22, Elaine Pagels, a Harrinton Spear Paine Professor of Religion at Princeton University and internationally acclaimed theologian, will speak in Orr Auditorium at 6:30 P.M. as apart of the Heinz Lecture series.

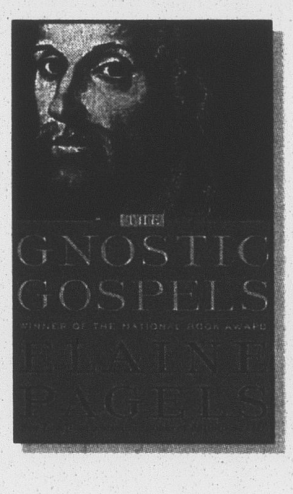
Pagels proves appealing due to her accomplished scholarship and broad readability. "She'll take six articles which she publishes in extremely high level Christian journals and then makes them readable to those who themselves do not have her expertise in biblical languages, and she does so without dumbing down or talking down to her audience," Dr. Bryan Rennie explained in an interview.

Pagels respect in the field of early Christian manuscript and the early Christian church seems unparalleled. "I have enormous respect for her," Rennie continues. "She's one of the best scholars in the world on early Christian manuscript with an enormous ability in the necessary languages."

Rennie, a Westminster professor and the Heinz Chair in Religion, proved largely influential in obtaining Pagels, and received endowments and funds from the Heinz organization, SGA, the First year Program, and the Diversity Symposium to do so.

"Pagels gained international acclaim for her bestselling book, The Gnostic Gospels," explains a pamphlet publicizing the event. "[Her] latest book, Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas, focuses on religious claims to possessing the ultimate 'truth.'" Pagels lecture "Gnosticism, Early Christianity, and the Secret Gospels," will discuss issues exposed in this manuscript.

This unique opportunity seems unmatched by an undergraduate institute and proves a rare experience for any such student. "There are perhaps only 20 to 30 scholars in the world with her ability," Rennie explained. "No one that I can think of has the ability to make their extremely high-level scholarship accessible to the ordinary reader, as she does."



"Literary Crossdressing," female poets first in Bleasby series

By Sarah Kramer
Campus Writer

The term "Literary Crossdressing" conjures up images of Walt Whitman in a cocktail dress. In her Thursday lecture entitled "Stalking the Lesbian: Poets, Women's Colleges, and Literary Crossdressing," Dr. Bethany Hicok gave an in-depth view of the term.

Hicok focused her lecture on three female poets, Marianne Moore, Elizabeth Bishop, and Sylvia Plath and discussed their position as poets in the culture of women's colleges as well as the culture at large. Hicok's lecture kicked off the Bleasby Colloquia, a series of literary lectures on campus.

"Literary crossdressing is a term used ... in gender studies to talk about gender as a performance," Hicok said. "For example, being feminine to the nth degree. It's all about performing a particular role in society."

Hicok discussed women's colleges and their importance to women writers. The environment of women's colleges defined relationships between women. Initially, close bonds between women were encouraged. "People didn't think lesbian relations were possible," Hicok said, commenting on the old Victorian ideal of sexually passive women.

As time went on, all women's relationships came under scrutiny. By the 1930s, women could be expelled for being too close. This changing structure of women's relationships within colleges affected how women related and how they wrote.

The lecture stems from a book that Hicok recently finished, entitled Degrees of Freedom: American Women Poets and the Women's College, 1905-1955. The book has been sent to Bucknell University Press. "It's being considered, that's a good first step," Hicok said.

The Bleasby Colloquia continually impresses both students and faculty, bringing in published authors and allowing for faculty presentations alike. Junior Sherri Breitigan enjoys the series. "I think it's interesting to people of all majors because the lectures transcend any one particular discipline," Breitigan said.

Dr. Andrew Ade is also impressed by the series. "I think the series is unique among small colleges. I haven't found a comparable annual series in a small place." Ade said.

The series will present other authors over the course of the year, covering multiple genres. "This series gives us engaged writers in poetry, fiction, essay writing, and play writing," Ade said.

Hicok wrote a dissertation as a graduate student on Moore and Bishop. She has been working on her book seriously for the last five years. She has incorporated some of her research into her classes.

Next semester, she will teach "Sylvia Plath and Feminism," a four hundred level English course. "(I) get lots of opportunities to use my research in courses because we have a good program and students," Hicok said.

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Friday

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High	67	72	76	78	74	68	
Low	50	52	55	58	47	45	
	Times of clouds and sun	Mostly sunny and nice	Sun and some clouds	Plenty of clouds	A shower in spots in the a.m.	Clouds and sunshine	A couple of showers around

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:03 a.m.	7:29 p.m.
Saturday	7:04 a.m.	7:27 p.m.
Sunday	7:05 a.m.	7:25 p.m.
Monday	7:06 a.m.	7:24 p.m.
Tuesday	7:07 a.m.	7:22 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	7:02 p.m.	4:55 a.m.
Saturday	7:28 p.m.	6:15 a.m.
Sunday	7:51 p.m.	7:32 a.m.
Monday	8:15 p.m.	8:48 a.m.
Tuesday	8:41 p.m.	10:03 a.m.

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Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Sep 17	Sep 25	Oct 3	Oct 10

Weather History

A low temperature of 27 degrees on Sept. 16, 1964, at Concord, N.H., ended the shortest growing season of any summer last century. Temperatures had stayed above freezing for only 100 days.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	73	54	sh	66	52	pc	72	56	s	78	59	t	78	58	pc
Butler, PA	73	56	sh	67	49	sh	73	51	pc	75	56	s	77	59	sh
Cambridge, OH	75	53	sh	70	47	pc	75	51	s	79	58	s	80	59	pc
Canton, OH	74	54	sh	67	50	pc	73	54	s	78	59	s	79	58	pc
Cincinnati, OH	74	56	sh	76	54	s	80	58	s	80	62	t	82	61	r
Clarion, PA	71	55	sh	65	49	sh	72	51	pc	74	54	s	75	56	sh
Clarksburg, WV	78	54	sh	70	48	sh	77	51	s	77	58	s	78	58	sh
Cleveland, OH	70	60	sh	72	54	sh	74	56	s	76	55	t	78	61	pc
Columbus, OH	72	53	sh	73	54	pc	77	56	s	80	61	t	82	60	pc
Cumberland, MD	74	58	sh	71	52	sh	75	55	pc	75	57	s	78	58	sh
Erie, PA	71	58	sh	64	53	sh	73	57	pc	75	60	s	77	61	sh
Franklin, PA	72	54	sh	64	49	sh	73	50	pc	74	54	s	75	56	sh
Greensburg, PA	74	57	sh	69	53	sh	74	55	pc	77	59	s	79	59	sh
Greenville, PA	72	55	sh	67	51	sh	71	52	pc	75	57	s	77	57	pc
Grove City, PA	71	55	sh	66	49	sh	72	51	pc	74	56	s	75	57	sh
Hagerstown, MD	80	60	sh	76	54	sh	78	56	pc	79	58	s	78	58	sh
Indiana, PA	76	59	sh	70	52	sh	74	53	pc	78	60	s	79	60	sh
Jamestown, NY	70	55	sh	60	51	sh	66	50	pc	71	56	s	74	56	sh
Kittanning, PA	75	58	sh	69	51	sh	74	53	pc	77	59	s	78	60	sh
Lisbon, OH	71	55	sh	67	52	sh	72	55	s	78	58	s	79	58	pc
Mansfield, OH	70	53	sh	68	52	pc	74	54	s	76	59	t	77	58	pc
Marietta, OH	75	54	sh	72	52	pc	78	53	s	81	59	s	81	61	sh
McKeesport, PA	73	56	sh	68	53	sh	74	53	pc	76	59	s	78	59	sh
Meadville, PA	70	55	sh	65	52	sh	70	53	pc	73	59	s	76	58	sh
Morgantown, WV	75	63	r	72	53	sh	78	53	pc	76	56	s	78	60	sh
New Castle, PA	74	56	sh	68	51	sh	72	52	s	76	56	s	78	59	sh
Oil City, PA	73	55	sh	65	50	sh	73	51	pc	75	55	s	76	57	sh
Pittsburgh, PA	72	59	sh	74	53	sh	76	53	pc	78	58	s	74	56	sh
Sharon, PA	74	54	sh	67	50	sh	71	52	s	76	56	s	78	57	pc
Somerset, PA	71	53	sh	65	53	sh	71	54	pc	70	56	s	73	57	sh
Steubenville, OH	72	56	sh	67	52	sh	74	55	s	78	59	s	79	59	pc
Uniontown, PA	76	56	sh	69	49	sh	77	52	pc	77	57	s	79	58	sh
Warren, OH	73	55	sh	67	51	sh	72	53	s	77	57	s	79	58	pc
Washington, PA	75	56	sh	68	44	sh	75	48	s	77	55	s	78	56	sh
Waynesburg, PA	75	56	sh	68	48	sh	76	51	pc	76	57	s	78	58	sh
Wheeling, WV	71	56	sh	66	52	sh	74	56	s	78	59	s	79	59	sh
Youngstown, OH	74	54	sh	67	50	sh	71	52	s	76	55	s	78	57	pc
Wooster, OH	71	53	sh	67	48	pc	74	50	s	77	55	t	79	57	pc
Zanesville, OH	75	53	sh	71	48	pc	75	51	s	80	58	t	79	59	pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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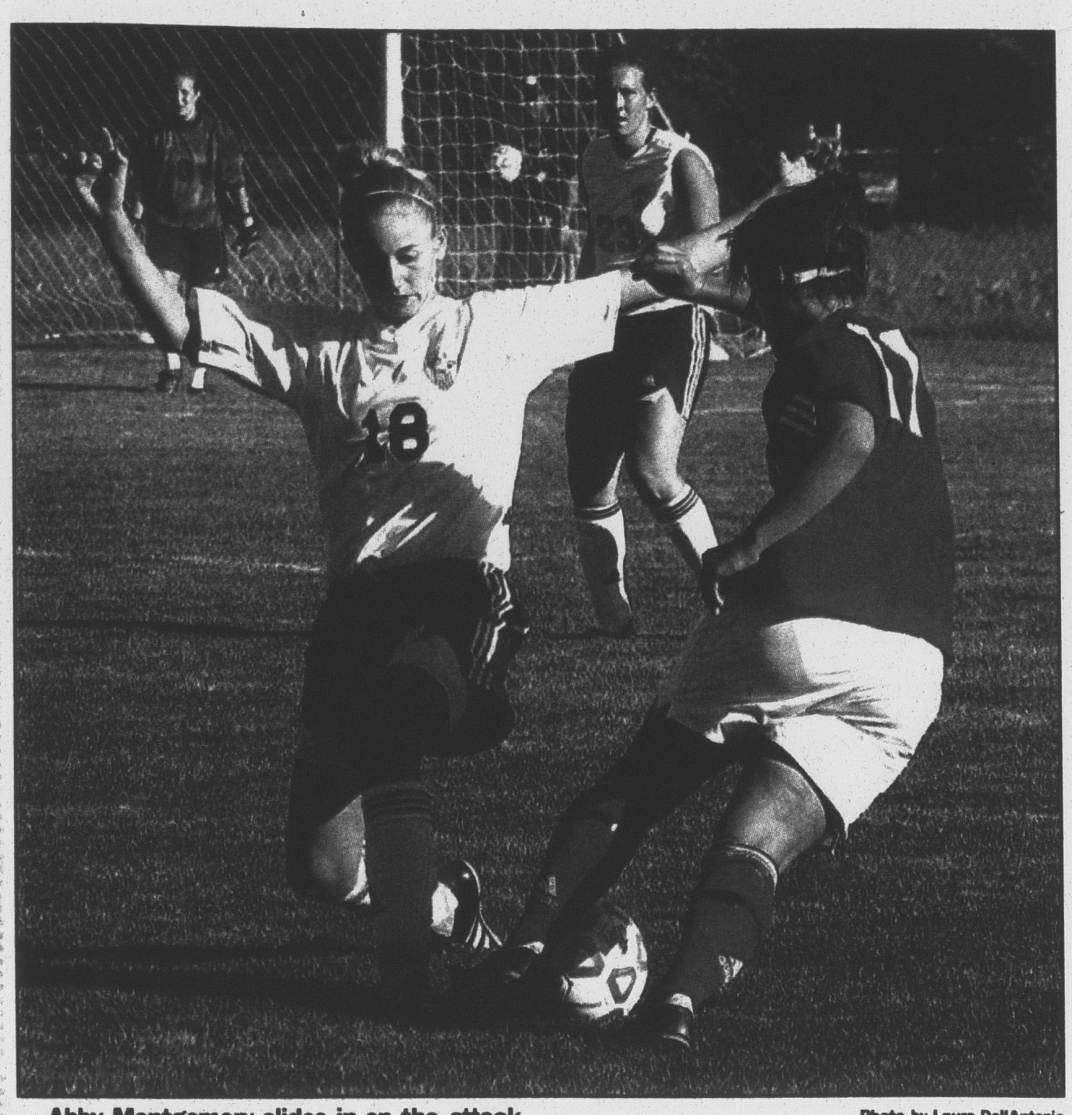


Abby Montgomery slides in on the attack

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Lady Titans come out big over Allegheny

Sophomore defender Brittany McKee headed in a corner kick from freshman forward Abby Montgomery (McMurray/Peters Township H.S.) for the only goal in the game, leading the Westminster College women's soccer team to a 1-0 non-conference shutout win over visiting Allegheny College in New Wilmington today. The Lady Titans improved to 3-2 on the season, while the loss dropped the Gators to 3-2.

McKee's goal (her first of the season) came at the 38:07 mark of the game, with just under seven minutes to play before halftime. Both teams had scoring chances in the second half, but were unable to convert.

Westminster freshman goalkeeper Whitney Griffin went the distance in goal for the third shutout of the season, making a career-high 14 saves in the process. The Lady Titans won despite being outshot 25-12 by the Gators, while Allegheny also held a 3-2 margin in corner kicks.

The Lady Titan kickers return to action on Saturday, September 17, as Westminster opens Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play at home against new PAC member Thomas More College beginning at 1 p.m.

"Think First, Then think big!"

The Westminster College Department of Athletics will sponsor renowned national speaker Joe Rhea for a speech and presentation titled "Think First, Then Think Big!", this Sunday, September 18 from 8:15-9:15 p.m. at Orr Auditorium on the Westminster campus. The presentation is free and open to the general public.

Joe Rhea's personal story began on the football field. On September 11, 1984, he broke his neck during an Indian Trail Junior High Football practice. The tragic injury left him paralyzed from the neck down. Eventually, he slowly learned to walk again and regained about half the strength in his upper body. Today, Joe does downhill skiing, plays golf, and speaks to college students about his amazing story.

Joe's newest program "Bars, Cars, & Catastrophes" relates his experience with paralysis to the injuries sustained in a DUI-related accident. In this powerful program, Joe helps students understand that 16-25 year olds sustain brain and spinal cord injuries more than any other age, and that the majority of these catastrophic injuries occur in cars. He helps students realize the importance of simple actions like picking a designated driver, and even wearing your seat belt, in preventing catastrophic injuries.

In "Think First, Then Think Big," Joe helps us realize the consequences of our actions, and what it would be like to live through a catasatrophic, life changing event ... an event that could often be prevented. Through a remarkable life journey and after overcoming quadriplegia, he offers a heartfelt look into what it takes to be successful in life. His message is that students should THINK BIG and believe in themselves, but be willing to work hard for their goals. Joe's presentation is full of passion, pride, and inspiration.

The Westminster athletic department received a Student-Athlete Initiative Grant from the NCAA, which is providing the funds to bring Rhea to the New Wilmington, Pa., campus. For more information, contact Westminster assistant athletic director Tammy Swearingen at (724) 946-7320.

Hunt for October

By Tom Heath
Sports Writer

In the middle of September we usually think of school, football and the warm summer weather coming to an end. When it comes to major league baseball, however, things are just beginning to heat up. Teams in both the National and American leagues are gearing up and preparing, or in the case of a few teams, make a last stride for the post season in October.

Looking at the American League divisional standings; Boston is ahead in the east, The White Sox are in control of the central and the Angels lead the west. On the National League side of things, the Braves are on top in the east, the Cardinals have things wrapped up in the central and the Padres lead the NL worst—err, I mean west. The Padres could be one of the only teams to ever make the playoffs with a record under .500. This is where things get interesting.

The American league wild card is really too close to tell at this time. Since Cleveland leads the Yankees and A's by one game, they would take the wild card if the post season were to end today. Once again, though, it is too soon to tell. There are anywhere between 18 to 20 games left for these three teams, and I expect the lead to change frequently until the regular season comes to an end.

Likewise, the National league is no more of a clear cut picture. The Marlins lead by ½ a game ahead of the Astros, Phillies and the Nationals. Yes, three of the teams making the push are from the same National league east division. Just like the American league, this is anyone's to take. With all teams also having between 18 and 20 games left, look for things to get interesting.

As for my predictions, I'll start with the American league. Since I have a slight Cleveland bias, I would love to see the Tribe in the post season. However, I just don't feel that they have the depth, especially when it comes to pitching that the Yankees and A's do. If the Indians are almost flawless in their last 18 games, I foresee the Yankees turning up the heat and taking it. In the National league, I can see Houston taking the wild card. "Why?" you might ask. Well, looking at their schedules and the current standings, the AL east teams still have to play one another which will, I think, bump one or possibly even two teams out of this hunt. Houston, in their last 19 games, will play the Brew-crew, the Bucos and the Cubs. The other 3 wild card teams will play each other at least one series a piece.

Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

The New Hired Hand

By Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

Steve Winwood, rock legend and member of the band Blind Faith, once sang, "I Just Can't Find My Way Home." Westminster head football coach Jeff Hand wasn't listening.

After spending the last four years at Waynesburg College, Hand, an Ellwood City native, has thankfully found his way home.

Hand resurrected a now successful Waynesburg program, possessing a career record of 24-18. Before coaching at Waynesburg, Hand spent two years at Benedictine College, amassing a 13-7 record.

Hand credits the success of the Titan football program, both on and off the field, for the decision to depart in favor of Westminster. "There is such a great athletic and academic tradition here at Westminster that it makes it a truly easy decision," Hand said.

Hand's teams have traditionally been very successful in the classroom. While at Benedictine, his team maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.1, and at Waynesburg, he produced over 30 all-conference academic selections.

On the field, Coach Hand's teams are equally successful. Hand notched his first win Saturday, by a score of 12-9, over host Allegheny College. When asked about how it felt to get his first win, his face lit up.

"It was huge. It was also one of the more pleasing victories that I have ever been a part of," the first-year coach said.

Even with the coaching change, Hand remains within the highly competitive President's Athletic Conference. "It just seems like it's going to be like the Mountain West Conference or the WAC, with everyone scoring a boatload of points. W&J, Thiel, and Bethany are all scoring, and it's going to be a tough conference."

Coach Hand puts a lot of time into coaching, but he still found time to let the TV star inside of himself shine. Hand made his first appearance on Coach's Corner last Thursday.

"I liked it. But I'm terrible at assessing myself. I never watch the show when I'm on it," Hand said as he laughed.

Coach Hand maintained that smile and added about the athletic department, "Everything is so professional here. I was impressed by the openness and the willingness to accept a new coach."

With a work ethic and attitude like his, one would be crazy to not accept the "New Hired Hand."

Jason Mackey is a senior broadcast communications major. He can be seen weekly on Coach's Corner (7 p.m. on the WCN) and also meets the mandatory "Abercrombie Requirement" for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Castillo Kicks Titans Into Win Column

By Steve Brink
Sports Writer

Westminster kicker Chris Castillo made all four of his field goal attempts (including a 43-yarder in overtime) to give the Titans a 12-9 victory over Allegheny College in Meadville on Saturday.

It was quite a struggle for most of the afternoon, but a strong defensive effort in the 2nd half allowed the Titans to fight their way back into the game.

Westminster actually drew first blood, as Castillo made a 23-yard field goal to put the Titans up 3-0 in the early going. Allegheny responded immediately as the Gators drove 60 yards on twelve plays to score the only touchdown of the game. Allegheny QB Jimmy Savage capped off the long drive by hitting wide out Matt Pertile for a 13-yard score. Gator kicker Josh Whiteside pushed the extra point wide, and that miss would prove to be very costly later in the game.

Right before the end of the half, the Gators were backed up deep in their own territory. It looked like Allegheny was going to run the clock out, but after a couple of nice gains, they thought differently. The Gators ended up driving the length of the field as Whiteside hit a 28-yard field goal with 8 seconds left in the 2nd quarter. Whiteside's kick gave Allegheny a 9-3 halftime advantage.

The Titans got the ball to start the 2nd half, but the offense stalled and Westminster went three-and-out. The Gators got the football back but immediately coughed it up, as Chris Dulovich scooped up the ball for the Titans.

After the recovery, Westminster ran on consecutive plays gaining only a yard. But on 3rd down and nine, QB J.R. Barley found wide receiver Brett Ziegler for a 19-yard pickup and a huge first down. Three plays later, Castillo made it 9-6 after making a 22-yard field goal with nine and a half to go in the 3rd quarter.

On the ensuing possession, the Gators fumbled the ball away once again. This time, it was senior defensive end Adam Hadbavny who recovered it.

After three unsuccessful runs, the Titans were faced with a fourth and six from the Allegheny thirty yard line. That's when Barley came up with another huge play, as the junior from Beaver Falls scrambled for a 13-yard pickup and a Westminster 1st down. After the Barley run, the Titans were well within range for their senior kicker. With just over five minutes to go in the 3rd quarter, Castillo tied the score at 9 by nailing his third field goal of the game.

The scored remained 9-9 all throughout the 4th quarter. Whiteside's extra point that was missed earlier in the game would've given the Gators the win. Instead, the two schools headed for overtime.

Westminster won the toss and elected to play defense first.

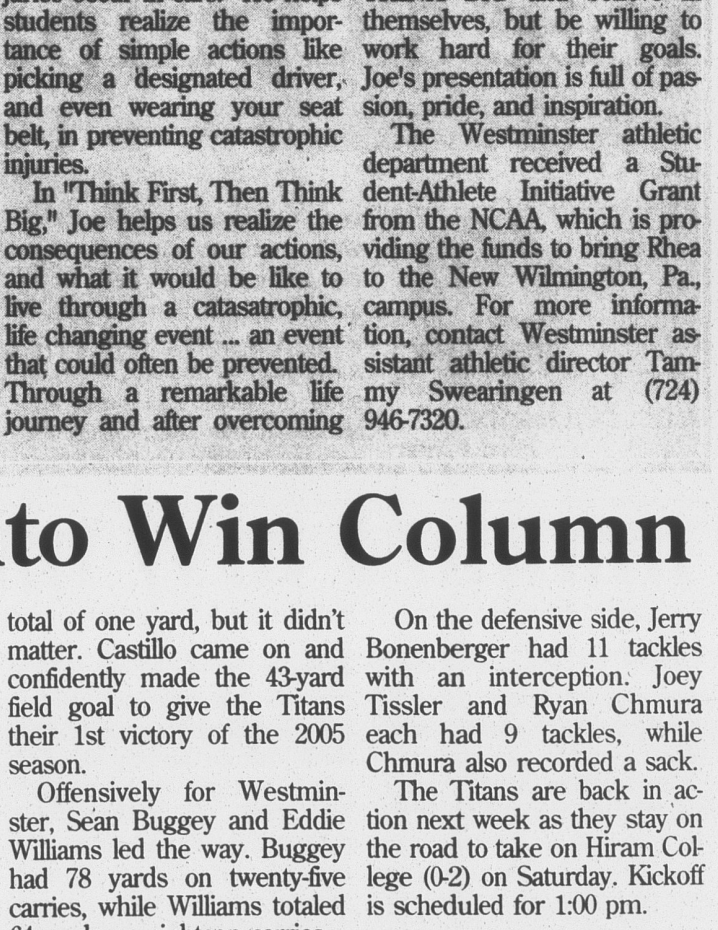
It certainly wasn't a good start to the extra session, as Gator running back Patsy Malie ran for 15 of his 101 yards on the opening play of overtime. Then, however, the Titan defense stiffened up. After holding Allegheny to three short gains, Whiteside attempted a 20-yard field goal on 4th down. His kick was wide right, giving the Titans a chance for their 1st victory of the year.

Westminster ran the ball up the middle three straight times to start off their possession. The three runs gained a total of one yard, but it didn't matter. Castillo came on and confidently made the 43-yard field goal to give the Titans their 1st victory of the 2005 season.

Offensively for Westminster, Sean Buggey and Eddie Williams led the way. Buggey had 78 yards on twenty-five carries, while Williams totaled 64 yards on eighteen carries.

On the defensive side, Jerry Bonenberger had 11 tackles with an interception. Joey Tissler and Ryan Chmura each had 9 tackles, while Chmura also recorded a sack.

The Titans are back in action next week as they stay on the road to take on Hiram College (0-2) on Saturday. Kickoff is scheduled for 1:00 pm.



Falling with style

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

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A&E Arts & Entertainment

The Constant Gardener digs deep, hits gold

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Just a heads up: *The Constant Gardener* will leave you speechless after the two hours are over. It's not special effects, brawny actors, or pop star turned actors that will leave you in awe, but it's the raw honesty of this film mixed with horror from corruption that will leave you thinking for the rest of the day. At least I hope it does.

Ralph Fiennes and Rachel Wiesz play Justin and Tessa Quayle, a couple who meet, sleep together, and get married shortly after. They spend the better part of their marriage learning about each other, but there is absolutely nothing that casts doubt that these two were meant for each other.

Justin is a British bureaucrat who is pretty melancholy about world issues while Tessa is a spirited activist who lives to better the lives of others.

The film opens with some powerful opening shots of poverty-ridden Kenya, where Justin and Tessa live. Shortly after, we receive shocking news: Tessa and her African driver, Arnold, are murdered in their vehicle at a crossroads in the middle of the Kenyan wilderness. This information is not a spoiler; however, it casts the mood for the rest of the movie. It is no longer just a love story, but an incomplete truth that Justin tries to unravel.

Director Fernando Meirelles uses the method of flashback to fill in the puzzle pieces that eventually piece together plotline.

As Justin digs through Tessa's files, he discovers disturbing evidence about what his wife was actually doing in her free time. There are reports that reveal a disturbing inquisition: Tessa and Arnold were partners in an attempt to reveal a corrupt plan by multinational pharmaceutical companies.

These companies were giving out AIDS medication while offering another test drug for those people infected with TB. The catch is that the drug is actually dangerous, but the companies don't care because they can literally just bury those test subjects that died from side effects since these poor African people don't count.

As the film continues, the flashbacks reveal yet more corruption that horrifies Justin as he learns more about his wife than he ever knew. The pain he feels from the loss of his wife is further fueled by his anger at what sources killed her.

The ending doesn't necessarily serve as a resolution, but more as a loose end tied up in a larger scheme that makes us wish that the horrible conspiracy was fictional like the love story. However, current world affairs prove otherwise.

It's so difficult to express in words how powerful and real this film is. All I can do is encourage you to go: experience the raw grittiness of the photography and feel the strife that these actors portray so well.

This is the most impressive film I've seen in a long time, and I don't doubt it will rack up some Oscar nominations. If you absolutely can't see the film, read the book it's based on by John le Carre.

Whatever you do in the next couple weeks, make sure you schedule time to see *The Constant Gardener*. Rating : A+.

Fiennes and Wiesz in *The Constant Gardener*

Sherri is a junior English major with a film studies minor. Sherri is known to be gruff until she's had her daily caffeine fix. Of course, after the gruffness clears, she'll never stop yammering in your ear.

"A Knight to Remember"

Yo-Yo Ma strings nothing short of amazing

By Mariella Volker
Holcad contributor

Yo-Yo Ma

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra's "A Knight to Remember" was certainly memorable and perhaps even divinely inspired. This season-opening concert at Heinz Hall last Saturday was truly an eventful night. With new conductor Sir Andrew James and world renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma, how could it have been anything short of amazing?

For those of you slightly less experienced in the classical music world, let me take a brief moment to explain who Sir Andrew James is and that one guy back there with the funny name. Sir Andrew James comes this year to the Pittsburgh Symphony after having spent years conducting such symphonies as the Toronto Symphony and the BBC Symphony.

He has won numerous awards for his conducting and artistic direction from both his peers and media circles like NPR. Yo-Yo Ma is arguably the most famous and gifted classical musician. He has recorded over 75 albums, 15 of which have won Grammy's, and at 55 has played more sold-out concerts than any other classical musician.

He graduated from the Julliard School of music and Harvard University.

The concert at the beautiful Heinz Hall was modeled after the famous British summer concert series, the Proms, and included works which even someone who hated classical music could recognize. The overture to "William Tell" (the Lone Ranger theme song) and the overture to "Orpheus in the Underworld" (the can-can song) were among the night's repertoire.

However, the highlight of the evening and the real treat for the audience was Mr. Ma's performance of Peter Tchaikovsky's "Andante Cantabile" with the symphony. This piece is a slow and moving melody based on a Ukrainian folk song, and the rich, tender line of the solo was played beautifully. This work is so moving, it is reported that it once moved even the great author Leo Tolstoy to tears.

The night was amazing, wonderful, divine! If ever there were a performance that I believe could reach all ages, all people regardless of musical preference, this concert would be it. And if by chance you are sitting there reading this wishing to God that you could have been there, have no fear!

This wonderful event will be rebroadcast on Saturday, the 17th, at noon on UPN. So mark your calendars because any concert featuring Yo-Yo Ma is worth it!

The Three's Company of Restaurants

Leah takes you down Route 19

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

This past weekend I had the privilege to avoid dinner on campus Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening.

Of course, my home-cooked meal on Sunday by my parents was the best, but I'm here to talk about restaurants, not the wonderful cooks in my family.

So on that note, I'm going to talk about the group of restaurants located on Route 19: Rachel's Roadhouse, Springfield Grill, and Iron Bridge Inn.

Although these restaurants all have the same owners and happened to be located on the same road, they have very different menus and atmospheres.

Friday night, I went out with a few friends to Rachel's Roadhouse. Rachel's has a very comfortable dining area with a wide variety of appetizers and entrees. There is an indoor and outdoor bar with a patio. The dinners include the main entrée, potato or rice, soup or salad, and bread for an affordable price...even for college students. Casual dress is appropriate.

I ordered the steak salad (a very good choice, by the way), while friends ordered menu items ranging from Tiffany Chicken to Filet Mignon. There was not one empty plate left.

Saturday night, I went with my parents to The Springfield Grill for their anniversary dinner. This restaurant is a little more upscale than Rachel's, but the idea is basically the same.

Dress isn't formal, but dressier than it is at Rachel's. Dinners are a little more expensive, but there's a little more variety offered as well.

First off, I must say that the hummus appetizer was superb. I know good hummus, and this was the best. It comes with soft pita bread for dipping.

I ordered the Stuffed Chicken Marsala with steak fries. The chicken was stuffed with provolone and spinach. I highly recommend this dish.

Unfortunately I was too full for dessert, but they sounded good. (Yeah, that's not very professional of me. Next time I'll just start out with dessert!)

I didn't visit the Iron Bridge Inn this weekend, but I have been there before. It is also a very fine dining experience.

I expect to see lots of people on campus being asked out to dinner this weekend after I just gave you all three great choices of nearby restaurants.

Also, check out Sherri's column and find a good movie to take your date to.

You're so lucky to have us writing for the Holcad!

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

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September 16, 2005
Volleyball Hosts Westminster Invitational
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Herbie Fully Loaded – MCC Mueller Theater
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Titan's Tavern – MCC Club/Lounge
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Longest Yard – MCC Mueller Theater

September 17, 2005
Women's Golf at Mercyhurst Invitational
Men's and Women's Cross Country at Penn State-Behrend Invitational
Volleyball Hosts Westminster Invitational
1:00 PM Football at Hiram
1:00 PM Women's Soccer vs. Thomas More (H)
3:00 PM Men's Soccer vs. Thomas More (H)
7:00 PM Mass – Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM CPC Presents: Recycled Percussion – CANCELLED – MCC Club/Lounge
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Longest Yard – MCC Mueller Theater
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Herbie Fully Loaded – MCC Mueller Theater

September 18, 2005
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM Kappa Delta National Women's Friendship Day Celebration – MCC Club
3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Herbie Fully Loaded – MCC Mueller Theater
7:00 PM Vespers – Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – Patterson 311
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Longest Yard – MCC Mueller Theater

September 19, 2005
Sorority Meetings
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel
3:30 PM Women's Tennis at St. Vincent
6:00 PM ALLIES Meeting -- TC 315
9:00 PM Monday Night Football: Washington Redskins vs. Dallas Cowboys – MCC Club
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting – MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

September 20, 2005
Last Day to Drop ($15 Fee) for Returning and Transfer Students
2:00 PM Women's Soccer vs. Pitt-Greensburg (H)
4:00 PM Men's Soccer vs. Pitt-Greensburg (H)
5:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Committee Meeting – MCC 352
5:00 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting – TC 315
6:30 PM Guest Speaker on Public Relations: David Nobs, Westminster Alum and Managing Director of Ruder Finn in Los Angeles, CA – Phillips Lecture Hall
9:30 PM Newman Club – MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

September 21, 2005
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Bethany Hicok, "Stalking the Lesbian: Poets, Women's Colleges, and Literary Cross-Dressing" – MCC Mueller Theater
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Prayer and Reflection – Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM SGA Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater

September 22, 2005
3:00 PM Women's Tennis at Thiel
5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting – Patterson 231
6:30 PM Guest Speaker: Elaine Pagels – Orr Auditorium
7:00 PM Mortar Board Meeting – MCC 255
8:00 PM Circle K Meeting – Patterson 231
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September 23, 2005
HOMECOMING
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel
4:00 PM Women's Tennis vs. Penn State-Behrend (H)
5:00 PM Volleyball at Ohio Wesleyan Invitational
6:00 PM Old Main Rededication – OM Senior Terrace
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Bewitched – MCC Mueller Theater
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Batman Begins

Horoscopes

ARIES: Misconceptions or duplicitous activity will come to light this week. Avoid creating a state of confusion by being upfront and honest with a partner or mate.

TAURUS: Stay positive, learn to whistle while you work and you will get a lot accomplished. Lay down solid plans and direct your energy effectively.

GEMINI: Social, sports or entertainment plans are highlighted. Spend quality time with children or loved ones engrossed in activities that will make you smile.

CANCER: Look forward to moments of internal harmony this week. If you play your cards right, your emotional needs are easily identified and fulfilled.

LEO: A networking meeting or a team brainstorming session yields very positive results. Get together with your peers or colleagues and bounce around a few ideas.

VIRGO: There is a lot of activity in your financial arena this week. Stay on your fiscal toes, stick to your budget and be prepared for sudden gains or unexpected losses.

LIBRA: Your thinking or perspective is totally transformed through your contact with others. Speak up and let everyone know where you are coming from.

SCORPIO: Let go of the notion or the need to hold on to things as they are. Be willing to tie up loose ends and to move happily forward in a new direction.

SAGITTARIUS: Expect lots of pressure or demands from friends or associates this week. Put your foot down and defend your position and your ideas.

CAPRICORN: Avoid workaholic tendencies. Play it smart and take steps to establish a comfortable balance between your personal endeavors and your professional life.

AQUARIUS: Thoughts will create your reality. Be conscious of the subjects or topics that you choose to focus or concentrate on. Think positively and plan for success.

PISCES: Review your financial history and get a handle on investments, taxes or insurance issues. Make necessary adjustments to reflect your current needs.

Crossword

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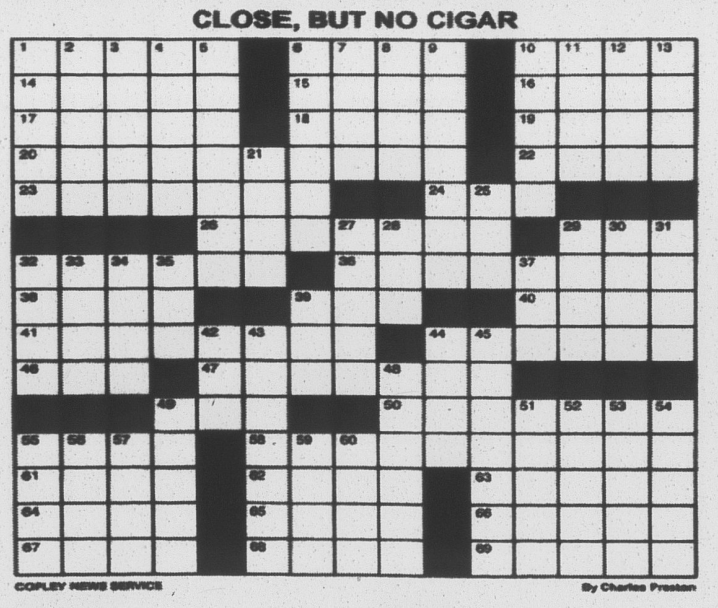

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE By Charles Preston

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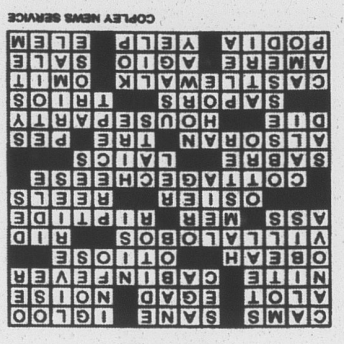

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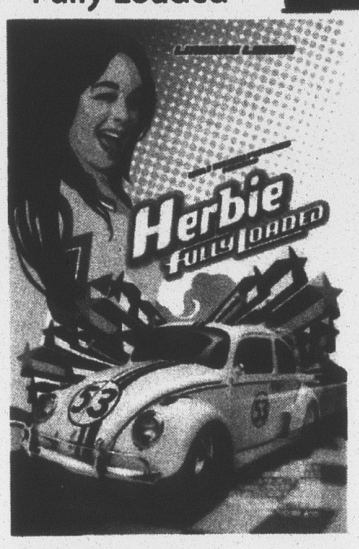

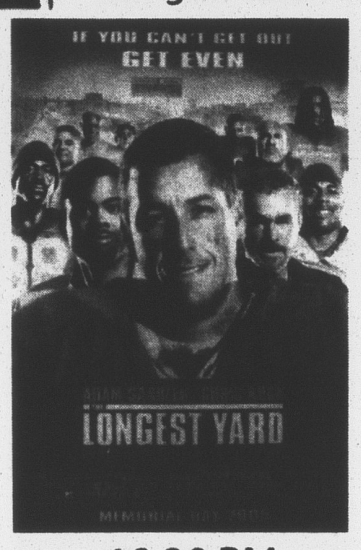

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FRIDAY!
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Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

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Mon-Tue-Thurs
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The Club Room

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Club Room

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Sept. 30	Titan's Tavern	Nov. 11	Titan's Tavern
Oct. 7	Comic- Leighann Lord	Nov. 19	Night Owl Bowling
Oct. 21	Jazz Concert	Dec. 2	Titan's Tavern
Oct. 22	Night Owl Bowling	Dec. 9	Comic- Dan Ahdoot
Oct. 28	Rotaract Presents!	Dec. 10	Night Owl Bowling
Oct.28	Titan's Tavern		

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September 24, 2005 5:00pm
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FEATURES

School Shenanigans or Stress Fracture?

My vehicle glowers at both

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

As I walked through the Physical Plant early Friday afternoon to retrieve my car for work, I noticed something seemed different. Upon inspection, I noted that there was about a foot-long crack in my new car's windshield. After contacting Westminster Public Safety Office times over the weekend, I met up with one of the security officers Sunday night to take security report. According to the officer, he felt my car suffered a stress crack, which basically means a number of things could have happened to it to make itcrack.

Normally I try not to park in the Physical Plant since it is the route for most of the late night fraternity parties. But since the Ferguson lot only has about 12 spots to speak of, I am forced to park in the middle of the party zone traffic. I'm not specifically saying someone intentionally damaged my car while partying, but it is possible.

According to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs John Lechner, about 15 cases of vandalism occur each year. Most of those include cars that are scratched, windows that are smashed, etc. An estimated eight cases account for all hit and run accidents. As of September, there have been two cases of vandalism reported.

So what is Westminster's policy on helping student's whose cars fall victim to vandalism? "If someone damages or steals property from a car, the college is not responsible," said Lechner. "The college does not pay to cover damages to student's cars on campus unless for some reason there is some type of responsibility on the college's part."

So basically, unless you parked your car next to a residence building and the water pipes happen to burst and destroy your car, then the college would do something. But if someone randomly keys the side of your car one night, you're going to pay for it out of your pocket.

What can we do on campus to protect our cars and the belongings inside of them? Lechner offers some advice. "Don't keep valuables in plain view," he said. "Really the best thing to do is to keep valuables out of your car. The campus is well lit but don't make your car a target."

Lechner informed me that predators from surrounding areas target the college. "Every so often we get a group from New Castle who break into about 15-20 cars. They take radios and other valuables," said Lechner. With about 800 cars sitting in the parking lots, these are easy targets for criminals.

I also learned from Lechner that there is a higher incidence of vandalism in the residence halls. "Vandalism to cars is a rare occurrence. Much more vandalism occurs inside of residence halls. Ninety-percent of all vandalism occurs in Russell and Eichaneur," said Lechner.

He also adds that living with friends can be deceiving. "You start to think of these people as your family and you can't conceive of the people you live with stealing from you, but they do," said Lechner. "Not many, but a small percentage will. When they see an opportunity, they take advantage of it."

An opportunity may be money laying on your desk drawer or valuables out in plain sight. Lechner suggests keeping your rooms locked at all times and taking valuables, such as laptops, home with you over breaks. He also adds that the college is looking into installing surveillance video cameras in the lobbies of the dorms. He adds that it might take awhile, however, because funding is limited.

You also may have noticed a brand new silver security van patrolling the campus. Lechner explained that the purpose of this van is that it's easily recognized and will be more visible on campus. And expect more security during Homecoming weekend...eight to ten officers will be on duty for additional security.

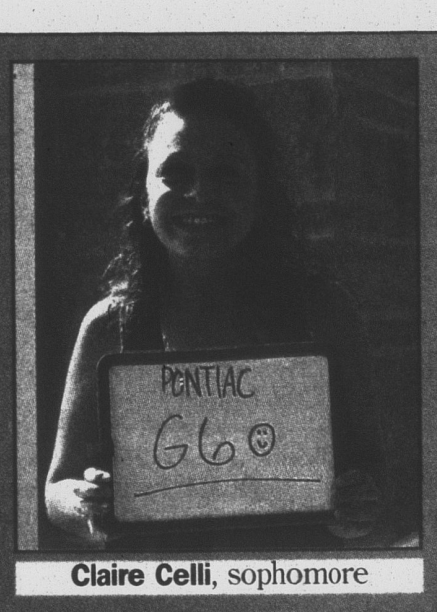
Finally, be aware of your surroundings. Notice the cars parked next to you and try to park in the same spot every time. Always try to keep at least one side of your car protected. And finally, try to move it out of high party traffic areas on weekends. "Most of the damage to cars occurs on Friday and Saturday nights, which in my mind, ties it to alcohol consumption," said Lechner.

As I struggle to earn the $200 it will cost to repair my car windshield, I will be reminded of the tips I've learned about protecting my car and belongings and remember that even though $30 will buy you a parking pass at the college, it won't buy you much protection.

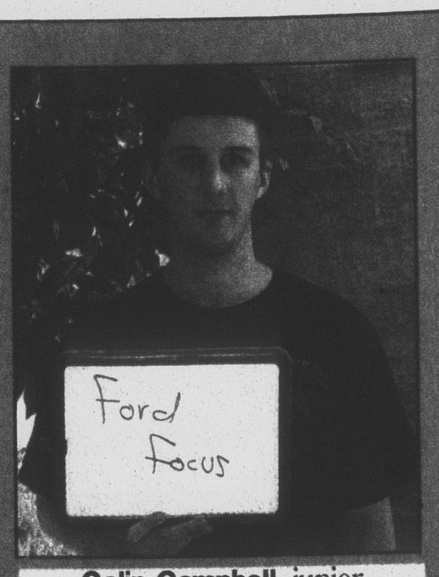
Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major. She regularly changes her hairstyle and haircolor once every couple of months, or whenever the mood strikes her. She enjoys watching her fish and despises the Physical Plant for being ugly and distrustful.

Question of the Week:

What kind of car do you drive?



Claire Celli, sophomore



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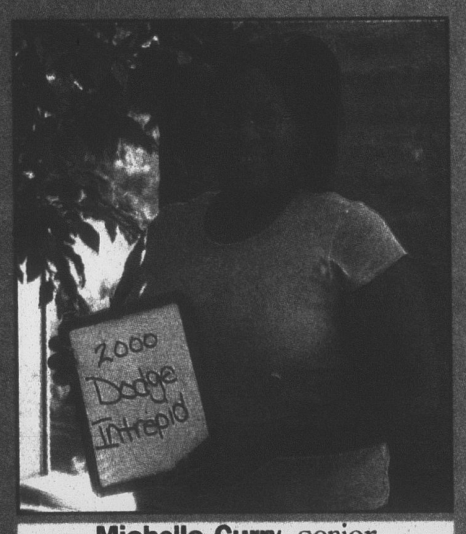

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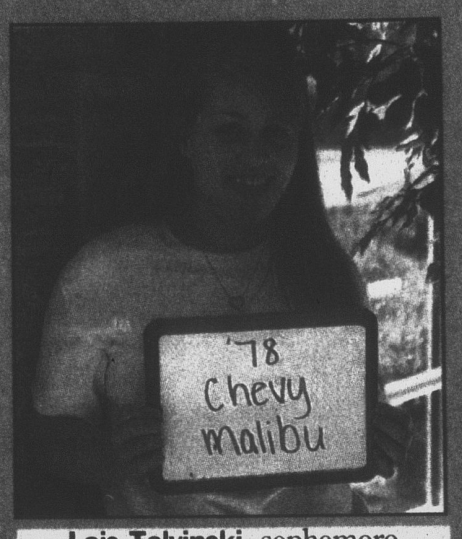


Lois Tolvinski, sophomore

Who Wears Short Shorts?

Bermuda shorts reign again

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

This year I was very surprised to see that no one was wearing short shorts (well except for Jessica Simpson). Spring 2005 brought back the beloved Bermuda Shorts last seen in the sixties or your mother's closet. Long shorts have become trendy once again and include a whole new look.

Bermudas made a comeback with a new wider inseam of about ten to twelve inches, but the more pin legged style can also be found in stores. Not only do they look great with a pair of heels and a camisole, you can dress them down with sneaks or flats and a vintage tee. They are so versatile that they can take on about any look. For example, I saw my favorite ensemble on the sidewalks of lovely Pittsburgh, Pa. The outfit included a pair of denim Bermudas, cowboy boots, and a black tank.

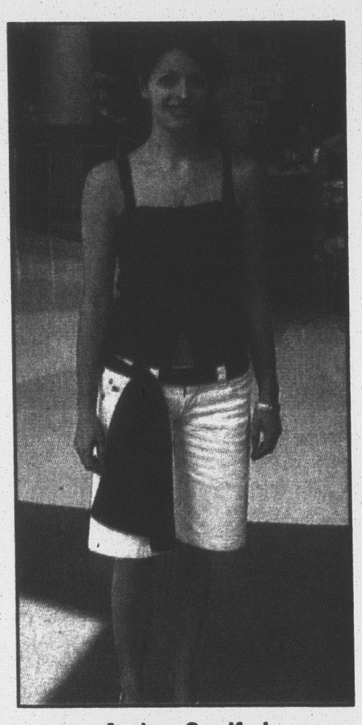
Many celebrities were also following the trend this summer, such as the Olsen twins, Rachel Bilson, and the Simpson sisters. Now they can be bought in about any store or clothing line ranging in all prices. BCBG carried Bermudas in their spring collection for $126, but if that's a little too pricey for you, try Old Navy. You can snag yourself a pair on their website for $11.99 on sale, and they come in twill or corduroy. Now that's smart shopping.

If you were wondering why they might be called Bermuda shorts and whether they are actually from Bermuda, I have the answer for you. The shorts first appeared in London as part of the British military uniform in the 20th century. They were not worn by soldiers, but by men who held desk jobs while stationed in the sub-tropical bases of the old British Empire. Soon after, Bermudian men discovered the cooling advantage of shorts while British regiments were stationed in their country. The trend soon spread through tourists all the way to the good old USA.

Today, Bermudian business men mainly wear these shorts in their country as everyday dressy attire. They are paired with knee length socks and loafers and are even worn to conferences abroad by delegates. However, not all cultures accept the shorts as proper attire. For example, they are illegal in Iraq and are mocked in parts of the Caribbean.

With summer coming to an end, it's time for you to snatch a pair of Bermudas off the sales rack and mold them into your own personal style. So bust out those shorts and give London and Bermuda a big thank you for starting a great trend that can be worn for any occasion.

Natalie Coccia is a junior media art major/PR minor despite the fact that she has not taken time to declare either at the registar. As of now, she is stuggling with her love-hate relationship with Myspace.



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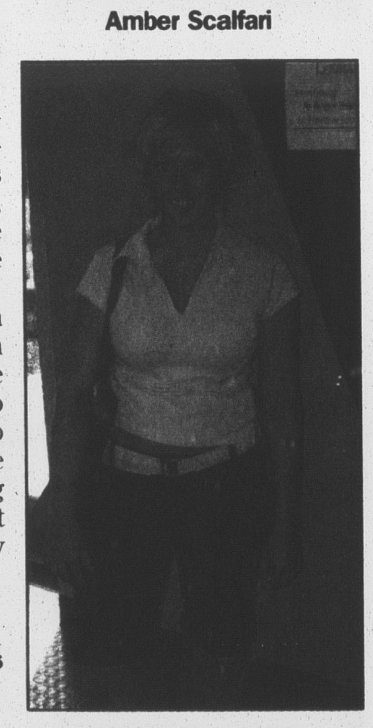

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Q & A with one lucky freshman

Titan Eye Candy

Interviewing a Legend

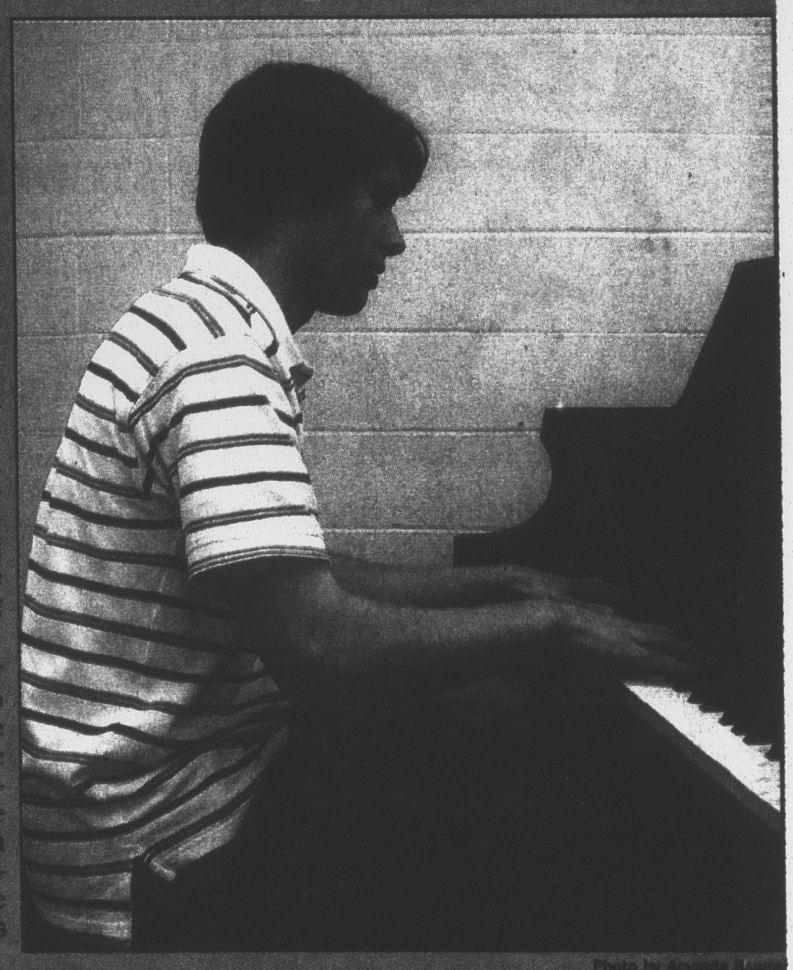

Photo by Amanda Hauger

One of the reasons he chose to come to Westminster was because he saw the piano on the third floor of McKelvey and knew he could keep up with his playing.

Meet Legend Fisher/Theiss, a freshman history major from Mercer, PA. You may have seen him, or heard him rather, dabbling on the ivories on the piano in the McKelvey Campus Center.

It seemed every other day when I went into the tub for lunch, I was greeted with sounds from The Phantom of the Opera, The Beatles, or an Elton John classic. Wondering who was up there creating this beautiful music, I climbed the stairs eagerly awaiting my next interview.

Legend says that for him, "playing the piano is just a hobby." One of the reasons he chose to come to Westminster was because he saw the piano on the third floor of McKelvey and knew he could keep up with his playing.

He started taking lessons back in fourth grade, but stopped when his teacher moved to Las Vegas. Legend says he listens to classical and classic rock, with The Beatles being one of his favorites.

His first piano was an electric one that was on sale for just $5. He got it at an auction with his father. With a promise from his father that he could earn a better piano if he took lessons, Legend began learning music.

I think he sounds like a pro, but Legend doesn't agree. "Personally, I'm very sloppy. I don't play perfectly. In my opinion, I don't think I play very well," he said.

Although he is his own worst critic, I've heard others positively commenting on his performances that echo throughout the tub.

He likes playing for small groups of people but shies away from big recitals and performances, saying "they make me nervous and I make a lot of mistakes."

Legend is also a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, a group that meets here at the college once a month and recreates the middle ages environment. It was a family activity in which everyone participated.

His other talents include playing the bodhran, an Irish-type drum, and soccer, which he's played for 12 years.

Legend's father passed away two years ago, and when I asked him if he continues playing the piano in his father's memory, he replied, "I guess you're right, I really hadn't thought of it like that, but I'm sure that's true on some level."

Anyone wanting to dine at the Tub to their favorite piano tune, good news! Legend takes requests.

"If it's something I know how to play or even if they can get the music to me, I'll definitely play it," he said.

Top requests from ladies in the Tub are Pachelbel's "Canon in D", Coldplay "The Scientist", and random songs from Saturday Night Live skits.

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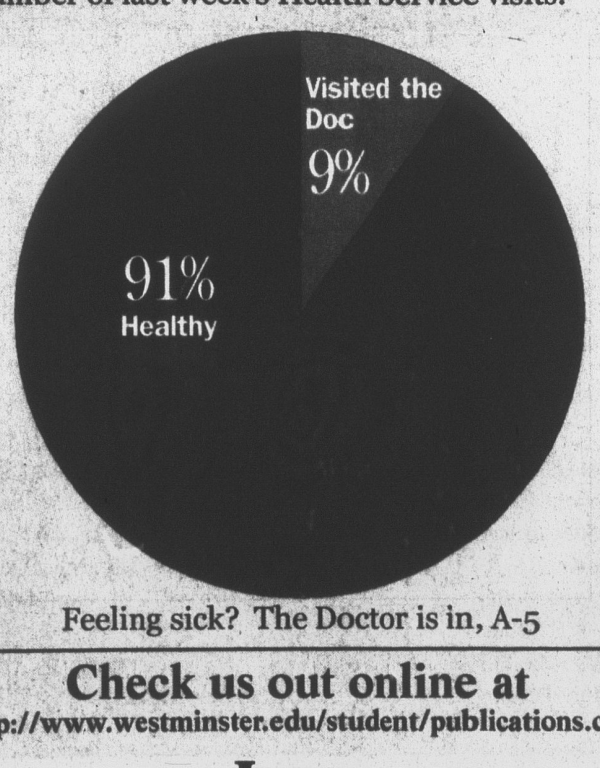

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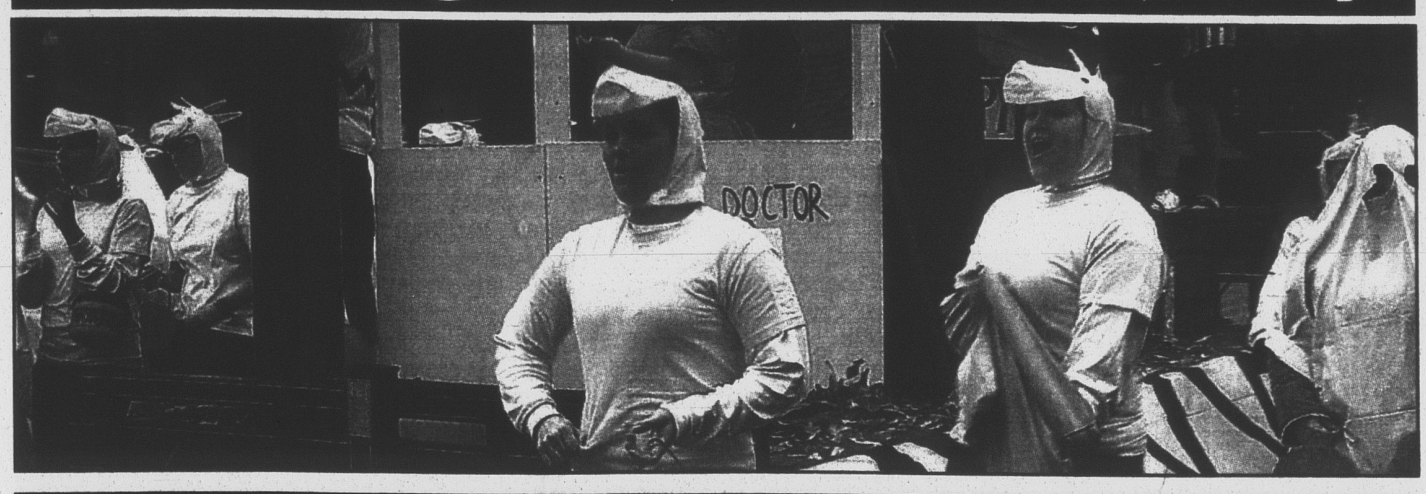

Old Main renovations

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Photo by Nawal Rajeh

Old Main Dedication opens with ceremony

By Brian Najar
Campus Writer

Homecoming festivities will include a re-dedication ceremony of the newly renovated Old Main building on Sept. 23 at 6:00 pm, followed by a tour and reception. A hundred people are expected to attend, and the ceremony is open to the public.

The $3.1 million renovation of the historic building was completed in August. The Old Main building is home to the education, business and economics departments as well as the chapel and business offices. The upgrades included the installation of a sprinkler system, new electrical wiring, two new restrooms and an elevator, which makes the building accessible to the physically challenged.

"Old Main is Westminster's signature building. I am delighted that we have it protected with new wiring and a sprinkler system, and that it is accessible to all," college president R. Thomas Williamson said.

Contributions for the project came from alumni, foundations and bequests.

"It is appropriate to host the re-dedication during homecoming festivities because it gives us a chance to express our appreciation and thanks to the donors," vice president of institutional advancement Gloria Cagigas said.

President Williamson added, "Most of the people who contributed are alumni. That is why we chose homecoming weekend; a lot of them will be here."

The class of '55 will be celebrating their 50th class reunion, which will be part of the ceremony.

"Part of their class gift went to the renovation of Old Main. They will be recognized for that gift," Cagigas said.

Also included in the ceremony will be a classroom dedication to Ronald P. Bergey, professor of accounting emeritus.

"The Old Main renovation gave us an opportunity to permanently remember the contributions of Ron Bergey by naming a classroom after him," Williamson said.

Speakers at the ceremony will include a welcome by George Berlin, chair of the college's board of trustees; opening remarks by Williamson; historical reflections from Dr. Dewey Dewitt, professor of chemistry emeritus and curator of archives; Dr. Richard Barnhart, '55; and Bergey.

"In the life of an institution, it is important to remember traditions and celebrate changes; the re-dedication does just that. It also creates an opportunity to thank those who contributed to the $3.1 million project," Williamson said. "The renovations gave us a chance to preserve the building for another 75 years."

Williamson says that there is still work to be done, including repairs to the roof and changes to the classrooms to make them better acoustically. That work will be completed later in the fall or next spring.

Titan Fest rocking campus for good cause

By Kristan Kohley
Staff Writer

Only on this college will you find a weekend full of music, food and a free car. The Public Relations Student Society of America is hosting Titan Fest on Saturday,

September 24th from 5-9 p.m. at the Andersen Amphitheater.

PRSSA is sponsoring this event to benefit the Epilepsy Foundation. The evening includes performances by four different bands, including Mojo Filter, Loko Phylum, Exit 11 and Good Brother Earl. Free food from Qdoba Mexican Grill, Pizza Joe's, Alice's Pizza, Red Bull and the Jenny Lee Bakery will be offered.

McDonald's will also be bringing a tuner truck, complete with live DJ and

Playstation 2. To end what is sure to be a fun-filled night for all, PRSSA will

be raffling off a 1986 Cadillac Fleetwood, compliments of Rohrich Automotive Group.

"I think this is a great way to get the campus together for a fun event that

benefits such a worthy cause," said sophomore Laura DellAntonio. For PRSSA treasurer and Titan Fest mastermind Jordan Hinds, this event is much more than just a fundraiser. Hinds, who has been suffering from seizures since the age of three, volunteers at summer camps for the Epilepsy Foundation. This cause is very near to him and he is excited to see the campus take an active part in helping: "Not only will students get to see award-winning bands and take advantage of free food and prizes at Titan Fest, but they will also be supporting a cause that affects more than 2.5 million Americans."

Tickets for the concert will be available at the door for $8. Tickets for the

car raffle will also be sold at the door and are $5 each or 3 for $12. Titan

Fest starts at 5 p.m. with Mojo Filter taking the stage. They will be followed

by Loko Phylum at 6:05, Exit 11 at 7:10 and Good Brother Earl at 8:15.

For more information on Titan Fest, visit http://www.wxdx.com/pages/events.html or contact any PRSSA member.

***The Holcad* welcomes back alumni and their families. See the insert in section B for a complete Homecoming schedule of events and pictures of this year's Homecoming Court.**

opinions/editorials

Rant & Rave

Cursed rythmic creaking!

There's something strangely peaceful about New Wilmington at night.

Hey, remember when you were my Fresh Start leader?

Bring back the Honey Green Tea!

I'm in a dark tunnel, following a trail of sangre.

This man is the king of dorks.

Some people have lives on Thursdays. We sure don't.

Hopefully there won't be a shortage of Rant & Raves this year.

Dallas helps...quench your thirst!

I never met a Malkavian I didn't want to chuck a dumpster at.

Do a little dance!

I want to trade my soul for the pool stuff!

Why are the doors between McKelvey and TC always locked?

Quit throwing me at me!

Hooray for the return of Rant and Raves!

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Tap dancing 101

by Chip Hothem
Angry redhead

In Mel Brook's 1974 hit comedy *Young Frankenstein*, Brooks parodies Mary Shelly's novel *Frankenstein* and adds many scenes for the purpose of comedy. In one such scene, Dr. Frankenstein dresses his monster in tuxedo and has him perform a dance-tapping number for a critiquing audience.

This weekend, alumni will flock from around the country to return to our college greeted by clean corridors, new mulch, and fresh flowers.

If one listens very closely, however, one will hear a slight cadence that one can't help but tap their toes to. No, the beat does not come from the drum line, and nor does sound from speakers blaring in Eichenauer. The music plays from the atmosphere and lingers with molecules of oxygen and carbon dioxide.

Galbreath plays the base line—where the "old faithful" bathroom has been steadily erupting twice a year—Brown will play the treble—where mold continues to grow—and beer debris in parking lots will finish the tune in an extended solo—for such debris generally decorates the campus more so than the newly planted flowers.

If the alumni of the '60s listen very closely, they may recognize a popular song of their era, *And the Beat Goes On*, by Sonny and Cher; and Westminster dances.

When incoming first-year students came to campus, they were greeted warmly, but not by new mulch. One member of the resident staff, who wishes to remain anonymous, explained that, "I had to request over 30 work orders in the first week of school and many of them were simple things that should have been noticed and done before hand. Also, there were many complaints to me and my staff about the cleanliness of the room. Parents were asking for vacuums and brooms to sweep away the spider and cob webs from the walls and floors. They were also asking for cleaners to use in the bathrooms that weren't clean. Many of the freshmen parents were very upset about the conditions of the rooms prior to move in."

Yet, I digress. After graduation, I could only hope to return to such a college that has harbored and generated so many great memories; great professors continue to care for students and propagate the learning as they have in the past.

It becomes apparent that while Westminster concerns itself with the campus' appearance for the critiquing alumni, the students seemed neglected. Perhaps, to return to the metaphor, one can envision a monster dressed in a tuxedo forced it on stage to perform for the critiquing audience. I, for one, am excited for the new course scheduled for next year's curriculum: Tap-Dancing 101, all I need buy is a tuxedo.

Townhouses:

More buildings to *never* maintain

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

If you stop and listen very carefully, you can almost hear the seasons changing. Fall, my friends, is quickly approaching, and everywhere you look you can see signs of the end of summer. Temperatures are dropping, bugs are out in full force, and of course, large heavy machinery is grinding across campus somewhere.

It's almost like the flight patterns of birds. As soon as the weather gets colder, these construction vehicles come back to campus and start on some major project. This time, however, the project is right outside of the guy's dorms. The new townhouses are coming, and they're coming soon.

The new buildings look like they are going to be really awesome. I heard that these buildings are meant to solve the campus's growing population problem. I agree fully. There is nothing quite like a place where tens, literally tens of people can stay in small groupings. Almost like a dorm or something.

Wait, dorm? Anyone remember those? You know the buildings that were built decades ago and then forgotten? Of course no one does. The shiny new townhouses have distracted everyone from a problem that is closer to home. The dorms are filthy, broken, and disgusting. Before we go building new buildings, maybe the college should focus on maintaining the ones they have.

There is a large crack in my wall in Eich that has been there since before I moved in the room in two years ago. Plus, the carpets in the room are full of filth from years of students living there. From living in Browne over the summer, I can vouch for broken floor tiles and water damage in the first floor bathroom. Hillside needs more than a lobby renovation and a facelift, it needs gutted and rebuilt. The bathroom on the bottom floor of Galbreath vomits sewage across the cafeteria at least twice a year, and someone needs to knock down Jeffers and try again.

I can hear the argument now: "We don't have the funding for that like we do with the townhouses! We need money to make repairs like that!" I say, there is no excuse for avoiding these repairs. We, the students, are the funding for this. We pay a lot of money to come here, and in return we get antique, broken dorms to live in.

It's kind of like owning a pet. If you don't show responsibility with the pets you have, then you can't have another animal. Show some responsibility with the buildings you have before you make another, Westminster. I'd hate to see it end up like the other forgotten buildings on the campus.

Now come fix my wall!

Letters to the Editor

The Holcad *should support, feature more music department activities*

I would like to respond to the recent article "Titan Eye Candy: Interviewing a Legend," that appeared in last Thursday's Holcad.

As a music major, I was a bit surprised by the article. Actually, I was more on the border of being insulted.

The article recaps an interview with Legend Fisher/Theiss, a freshman who is frequently heard tickling the ivories on the third floor of McKelvey piano.

Before I go any further, I would like to make it clear that this is not an attack on Legend. Actually, I completely support him in subjecting the campus to a little more music than that which is heard on Titan Radio.

My problem is with the Holcad's lack of support for the quality musical venues coming out of the music department. Yes, Holcad Editors, there is a music department on campus! And a darn good one at that! It is a rare occurrence for the Holcad to write an article on a performance coming out of the music department, and I can't remember a time when the Holcad ever chose to focus an article on a specific musician from our part of campus. We are the ones who perform all over campus on a weekly basis-we are also the future music teachers who will show children how to count a half note, and the singers who will perform in opera houses all over the world.

Want a quality pianist? Sheila Barnhart, a sophomore piano performance major will be performing in the PMTA convention this November. She and violist Jen Burnett will also be performing in McKelvey on October 13th at 11:15.

If you haven't noticed our posters all over or the campus-wide emails that are sent to you every time there is a new performance, you certainly could not have missed our *Eine Kleine Lunch Musik* series. That's the mini-concert series we give on the third floor of McKelvey every Thursday during lunch time for the entire campus to hear.

Not once has a Holcad writer wandered up to the third floor to listen to our music or interview us. Are we just not good enough "Eye Candy" to attract a journalist?

So, in a final plea, don't ignore us. Your job is to subject students to the various events going on throughout campus, and, in my opinion, so far you are not doing a very good job.

Bridget Steller
Junior vocal performance major

We at the Holcad recognized this at the end of last semester and are doing what we can to cover more music department activities. This year, a large part of our staff is involved with the department, so we are better able to know what's going on. Be sure to check out this week's issue for an article on the Titan marching band, and next week's issue for an article on the orchestra.

College should focus efforts, funds elsewhere

I appreciate that Residence Life is taking steps to improve the physical appearance of the buildings that grace our campus ("Dormitory to be renovated: Hillside Hall..." [from the 9/16/05 issue]).

However, I am troubled that while taking on these projects the campus may be neglecting to notice some of the less obvious areas that need some attention, perhaps including Hillside.

I live in Ferguson (for 3 years) and I've noticed things like the leaking roof, smelly drawers, etc. This year, however, the conditions have left me downright angry.

Due to old, warped screens on our windows, I've had at least three hornets in my room along with several other creepy crawlers that even freak me out (and I grew up in the middle of the woods).

Along with that, our old marble steps have proved very hazardous. Just ask Sherri [Breitigan], who almost broke her neck after a tumble down our slippery stairs a few weeks ago. When she took the matter to a higher authority (after a substantial injury), we have yet to see results.

And don't even get me started on the bathroom on the first floor of Galbreath. When will we get screens that actually seal and don't let bugs in? When will we get sandpaper strips on our steps to keep us from falling down (I know Sherri isn't the only one who's taken a fall on them)? When will our bathrooms stop smelling like sewage? And what about all the other little things we're always complaining about?

It seems that while it is necessary to improve on the appearance and attractiveness of the buildings, it's even more necessary to take steps to ensure a safe and clean living environment.

Perhaps these are areas in which our money would be better spent.

Alicia Heinle
Senior

Want to write a letter to the editor?

Here are the rules.

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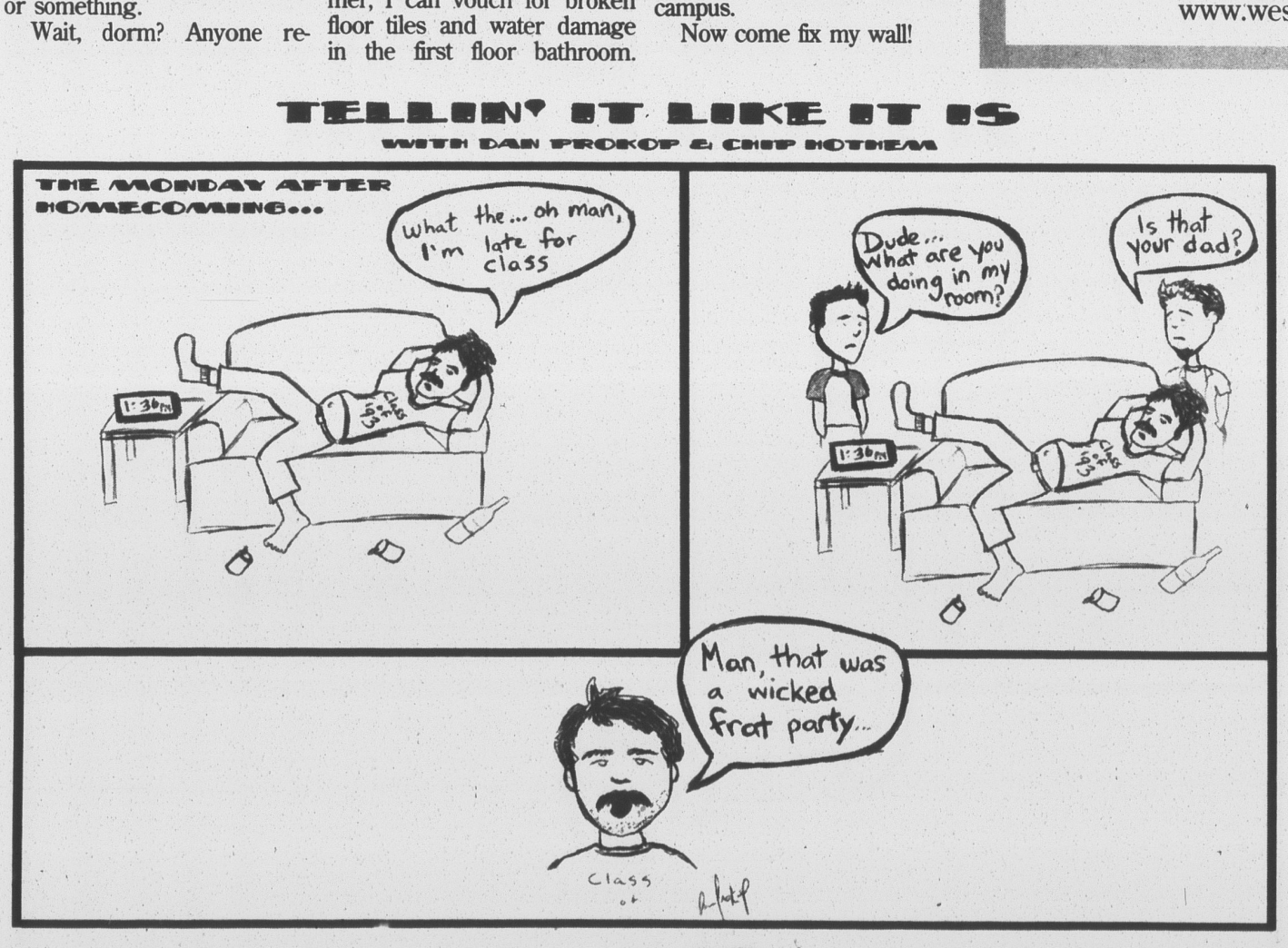

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Westminster Outside the Bubble

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

WC Grad Walked the Emmy's Red Carpet

Sunday night's Emmy Awards put the spotlight on Westminster grad Tim Kaiser. Kaiser received an Emmy nomination as a co-exeuctive producer of the NBC sitcom Will & Grace. The show has received the nomination for outstanding comedy series for a number of years now, but this Emmy went to Everybody Loves Raymond. Kaiser graduated in 1985 with a B.A. in Broadcast Communications and worked on Seinfeld before joining the team at Will & Grace.

Homecoming Comes Early

If you thought Westminster's homecoming was early this year, you're right. This is the first time in several years homecoming falls in September, even before New Wilmington's annual firefighter's auction.

Last year, Homecoming fell in mid-October as the leaves were changing. Organizers say they try to juggle homecoming around a variety of schedule conflicts, including the October fall break.

Westminster Settles Disputed Gas Bill

Westminster and its natural gas provider have settled a disputed gas bill that was nearly $800-thousand. Earlier this year Dominion Peoples alerted the college it was under-billing because of faulty meter readings. The details of the settlement are now secret but Westminster officials call the terms fair and reasonable.

Weaver's WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1. Identify the Holocaust survivor (turned Nazi war criminal hunter) who passed away this week at the age of 96.
   a. Simon Wiesenthal
   b. Adolf Eichmann
   c. Efraim Zuroff
   d. Ezra Lieberman
   e. Abraham Van Helsing

2. Identify the hurricane that forced the evacuation of the Florida Keys this week and now threatens the Texas coastline.
   a. Hurricane Katrina
   b. Hurricane Rita
   c. Hurricane Kenneth
   d. Hurricane Max
   e. Hurricane Philippe

3. The Pennsylvania Department of Health has confirmed at least 13 cases of _____ in the state for 2005.
   a. West Nile Virus
   b. viral meningitis
   c. avian influenza A
   d. E. coli
   e. Hepatitis B

4. What happened to the Westminster's original Old Main building in 1861?
   a. A tornado destroyed it.
   b. A Civil War battle heavily damaged it forcing the administration to tear it down.
   c. It burned in a fire.
   d. It was torn down and replaced with the current structure.
   e. It was renamed Thompson Clark Hall.

5. Which airline's jet made an emergency landing in Los Angeles Wednesday night and the event unfolded live on CNN, MSNBC & Fox News?
   a. American West
   b. Southwest
   c. Jet Blue
   d. Alaska Airline
   e. US Airways

6. Which of the listed television shows below did NOT receive a prime time Emmy award this week?
   a. Survivor
   b. Desparate Housewives
   c. Lost
   d. The Amazing Race
   e. Medium

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Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations instructor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with dubious current event quizzes.

Ripped from the Wire

REGIONAL

Arsonist potentially incompetent, dual personalities

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa. (AP) _ A handyman charged in four arsons isn't competent to stand trial, his attorney said.

Fayette County District Attorney Nancy Vernon wants Harry Collins, 58, of Connellsville, to plead guilty to setting a church and three other buildings on fire in the last 15 months.

But Collins' defense attorney Thomas Shaffer said Collins doesn't understand the charges against him, nor did he understand his constitutional rights to remain silent when he was interviewed by police eight times without an attorney before his arrest in April.

Collins told police his personality is sometimes governed by 'Good Harry' who helps his neighbors, and sometimes he acts like 'Bad Harry,' the person police believe started the fires.

A county judge set an Oct. 11 hearing to determine if Collins is competent to stand trial and whether he fully understood his rights.

REGIONAL

Pittsburgh stagehands reach agreement

Pittsburgh theater operators, stagehands reach tentative contract

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The operators of two downtown theaters and the union representing stagehands reached tentative agreement on a new contract over the weekend, averting the shutdown of more shows following last week's cancellation of the musical "Chicago."

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, which manages the Benedum Center and Byham Theater, on Monday announced the agreement with Local 3 of the International Association of Theatrical Stage Employees.

No details were released, but the trust said the union's 200 employees will vote on the contract in the next couple of weeks. The two sides had been negotiating since April, and talks grew heated after the old agreement expired Aug. 15.

The union authorized a strike Sept. 8, and even though a date was not set, the trust canceled six scheduled performances of "Chicago" due to fears that a sudden walkout might leave operators without a crew to take the set down.

The agreement came just in time for the Pittsburgh Opera, which on Monday began setting up for the opening of its fall season at the Benedum.

"I'm very happy we're able to settle and 'Rigoletto' will be able to go on," said Mark Weinstein, general director of the opera, which had been busy over the last week lining up alternative sites for its first show on Sept. 24.

Officials with the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre were just as happy to hear the news, since the company is scheduled to begin its season with "Carmen" on Oct. 6 at the Benedum, shortly after the opera ends its four-performance run.

"Obviously we're pleased we're going to be in that venue," ballet spokeswoman Ida D'Errico said. "Anything that causes a change in as large a production as 'Carmen' is a big concern."

NATIONAL

Southern La: Coming or Going?

New Orleans mayor suspends reopening of the city as new storm approaches

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Bars, restaurants and shops had just begun showing signs of life when the mayor suspended the reopening of the city and ordered nearly everyone to leave town again as a new hurricane headed toward the Gulf of Mexico.

The call for another evacuation came after repeated warnings from top federal officials, including President Bush, that New Orleans was not safe enough to reopen. Federal officials warned that Tropical Storm Rita could breach the city's weakened levees and swamp New Orleans all over again.

There appeared to be little effort to enforce Mayor Ray Nagin's new evacuation order Tuesday morning, and some National Guard units were withdrawing from the city. The troops have been living tents in the city's Algiers section near a levee that officials fear could break.

Jill Sandars, a 55-year-old contract paralegal and Web site designer who lives in the French Quarter, did not evacuate before or after Katrina but said she may leave this time if New Orleans appears threatened. She said she is tired of the conflicting information from city officials about whether people should come or go.

"I don't have the energy for highs and lows any more," Sandars said. "I'm just maintaining day-to-day."

Rita strengthened into a hurricane and lashed the Florida Keys with heavy rain Tuesday. Packing winds of 100 mph, the storm was expected to gain strength as it crossed the warm Gulf of Mexico and could hit Texas over the weekend. Officials warned it could instead veer off and hit Louisiana as early as Thursday.

Maj. Arnold Strong of the Louisiana National Guard said three inches of rain from Rita could cause a levee break that could flood New Orleans again. He said the Guard is pulling back to the town of Alexandria "so we can go to wherever we need to go" later.

"We want to handle this in an organized way,". he said, "so we're planning for the worst."

The death toll in Louisiana jumped by 90 to 736, as receding floodwaters allowed search crews to reach more of the city's devastated neighborhoods. The toll across the Gulf Coast was 973.

The mayor backtracked on Monday and abandoned his plan to quickly reopen Algiers, the French Quarter, Uptown and the Garden District to 180,000 of New Orleans' half-million inhabitants over the next week.

"Now we have conditions that have changed. We have another hurricane that is approaching us," Nagin said. He warned that the city's pumping system was not yet running at full capacity and that the levees were still very weak.

Nagin ordered residents who slipped back into the still-closed parts of the city to leave immediately.

The city requested 200 buses to assist in an evacuation. They would start running 48 hours before landfall from the downtown convention center and a stadium in Algiers.

Nagin had wanted to reopen New Orleans quickly to get the storm-battered city back in the business of luring tourists. Federal officials _ including the top man on the scene in New Orleans, Coast Guard Vice Adm. Thad Allen _ warned that such a move could be a few weeks premature, pointing out that much of the area does not yet have full electricity and still has no drinkable water, 911 service or working hospitals.

NATIONAL

Disgruntled man retaliates uniquely

Man uses female underwear to voice concerns

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) _ A man upset at a parks employee for blowing grass clippings on him has been airing his complaint by hanging panties and bras on department vehicles, police said.

The 57-year-old man had been hanging all sizes of women's underwear from mirrors on vehicles at the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, police said.

Parks Director Bill Duncanson and police said Tuesday that the clothing had been placed on multiple vehicles 30 to 50 times over a series of months _ usually one vehicle a night, several times a week.

Duncanson said the incidents started in April or early May and continued until about three weeks ago. He told police he was concerned because it looked unprofessional. The parks department caught the man on videotape placing underwear on the mirror of a vehicle, Deputy Chief Jeff Hardel said. He was not identified.

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Campus News

This Old House

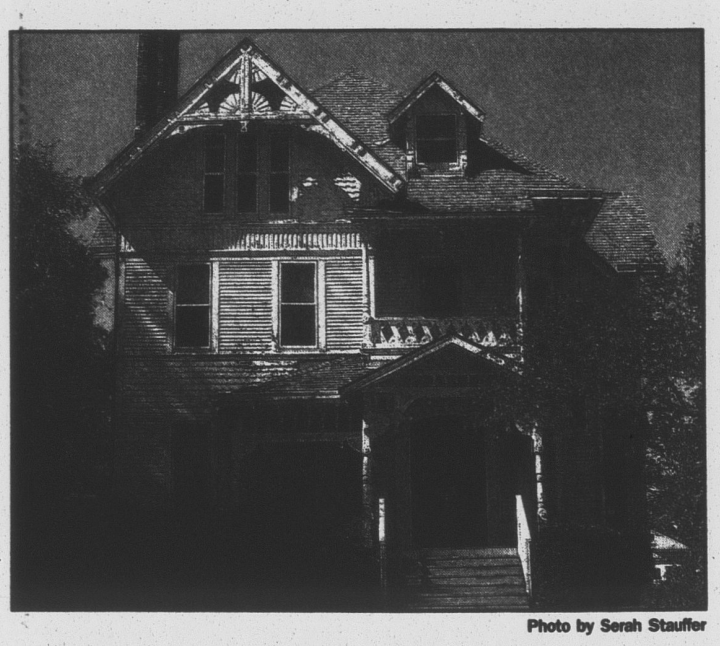

Photo by Serah Stauffer

Thompson House sits atop a small hill behind next to the Physical Plant on Market Street. It currently houses the office of Alumni Affairs.

Thompson House returns to dorm next fall

By Kathryn Stanley
Campus Writer

Contrary to popular belief, Oxford students will not be occupying Thompson house when they return to campus, but renovations will be completed for occupancy next fall.

Thompson house, which will be occupied by 16 female residents, is not new to the dormitory system. In fact, the historical house has been used as a residence hall or office space over the past several years.

"When I was a student here, the house was a women's dorm," said Carey Meyer-LaSor, a 1986 graduate and current coordinator of the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program.

With the designs completed and a contract in place, the next step is actual construction on the building. Since the house is a historic sight because of its outer frame, only minor exterior repairs will be made, according to Physical Plant Director Owen Wagner.

"It will look good, but no structural appearance or modifications will be done," Wagner said.

Design strategy has been a major part of the renovation process. Assistant Director of Residence Life Matt Shaffer said that there will be five beds on the first floor, seven on the second and four on the third.

"It's not going to be ready for this spring, but when it is done, it will be amazing," Shaffer said.

The house was used as an office building at various times from 1959-1972 by Alumni Relations, Church Relations, and Public Information. Meyer-LaSor also said that it was a residence hall from 1972-1990.

Until now, it has been office space from 1991 to the present.

Meyer-LaSor said that she will miss the house, but she knows what a hassle it is to have meetings and receptions here comfortably.

"I just hope that, once restored, the women who live there appreciate the historical value of the house and take good care of their living space," Meyer-LaSor said.

Welcoming new leaders, SGA gains senators

By Jeremy Lawler
Campus writer

Campaigning and elections concluded this past week for the freshmen interested in Student Government Association.

Signs such as "You'll be Cozy with Zach and Rosie," were common sights around campus this past week as the freshman class prepared to represent themselves for the election.

SGA held an informational meeting on Aug. 31 for all freshmen interested in student government, which more than ever 40 freshmen attended. Every year, each incoming class is allotted 12 senator positions, and with a total of 21 applicants in this election, the race for a position was tight. All interested students were required to fill out an application before the crucial campaigning efforts could begin.

SGA elections were held last Monday and Tuesday in the TUB during lunch and dinner hours. Voter turnout was high, with a total of 86 votes tallied on the first day. With these kinds of numbers, it seems that the freshman class cares about their representation.

Junior Jennifer Ramsey, judicial chair of Student Government Association, was in charge of overseeing the election process this year. "I wasn't sure what to expect in this election ... I'm surprised at the number that voted," Ramsey said.

The newly selected senators were sworn in last Wednesday at the first SGA meeting of the year. "I am very happy with our new senators; they have a lot of great ideas and seem to be really involved," Ramsey said. "It was great to have them all there at our first meeting."

According to the SGA web site, senators are elected on the basis of class standing. It is each senator's job to work with the administration and faculty of the college to determine the policies and concerns.

Newly elected freshman Zach Marsh felt privileged to be selected by his classmates. "It feels so nice to be a part of something so elite," Marsh said.

Marsh's campaigning sidekick Rosie Hassell feels privileged to be a senator for her fellow freshmen. "It's great to be a small part of the bigger picture," Hassell said, "It's really an honor to be elected by your classmates who don't really know you that well."

The newly elected senators will have the opportunity to pick which committees they wish to represent. SGA's meetings are held every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Mueller Theater. All students are welcome to listen in on the weekly meetings.

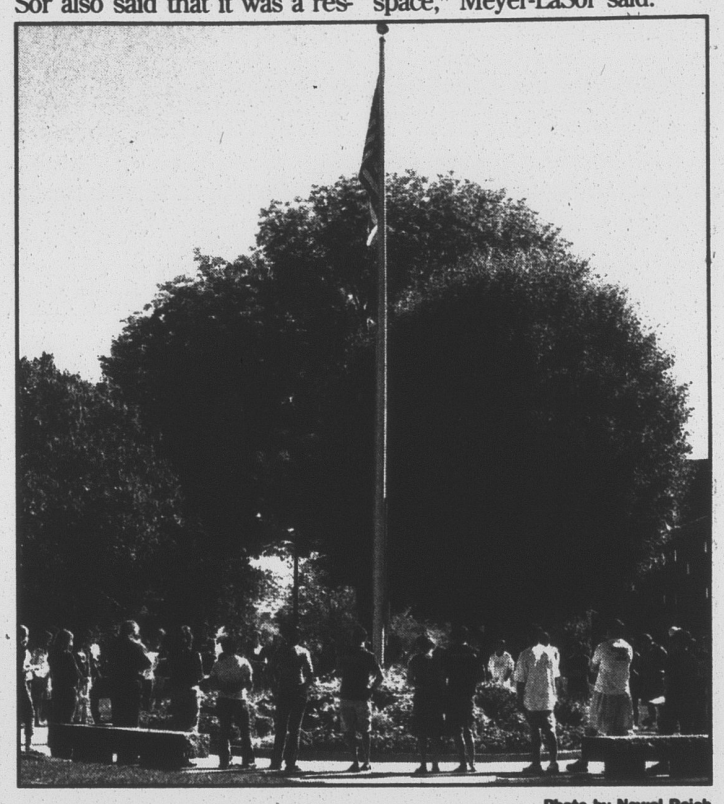

Photo by Nawal Rajeh

Gathering 'round Old Glory

Chapel staff member, sophomore Deborah Ward, has led Westminster students in prayer for "See You at the Pole" the past two years. SYATP was started in 1990 at a high school in Texas. The purpose was to have a national day where students could pray for their school and nation. This year, over 60 Westminster students and faculty participated, gathering in the quad for singing and prayer.

Campus Political Parties

Updates, missions and yearly goals

Green Party

By Sarah Kramer
Campus Writer

The party is synonymous with misconception. Campus education has become one of the main goals of the campus Green Party.

The Green Party sets out a list of its ten key values on the Web page, www.greenparty.org. These values are what the party is really about.

Chairman Colby King, a junior, wants students to "know something accurate about the Green Party."

"The ten key values are what we're about," King said. The ten key values are: grassroots democracy, ecological wisdom, social justice and equal opportunity, nonviolence, decentralization, community based economics, feminism, respect for diversity, personal and global responsibility and future focus and sustainability.

The values are important to junior Jaimee Davis, a member of the party. "I don't know how anyone could read the ten key values of the Green Party and not think that they just make sense," Davis said.

King agreed, "For the most part I think people agree with us fundamentally."

The group has many goals for the semester. At their weekly meetings, the group plans events like the spring conference. The group will hold a turkey drive this Thanksgiving. Last year, the group distributed five hundred turkeys to local families in need.

The drive was a response to the party's vice-presidential candidate, Pat Lamarche, and her unusual campaign.

"She spent two weeks traveling around states, staying in homeless shelters," King said. The group had positive feedback from the college. "It was the most positive interaction we've had with the campus," he said.

The creator of the spring conference and Alumnus Ken Jae, Class of '05, recognizes the image the group presents. "Despite the stereotype, the party is largely working on the same major issues as the other parties. Right now, we're very focused on ending the war in Iraq and bringing home our troops," he said.

The group has its own email address, greenparty@westminster.edu. "Send us questions or hate mail," King said.

College Republicans

By Steve Saul
Campus Writer

Usually, the College Republicans don't have to worry about electing new officials until December, but that is not the case this year.

At the start of the 2005 fall term, the College Republicans were without an acting vice-president or treasurer. Former vice president Carsen Nesbitt is studying in Oxford this fall. Former treasurer Andrea Tykla transferred from the college last semester.

"Both Andrea and Carsen were valuable members of the organization," president Tom Burkhart said. "They showed enthusiasm and worked hard at making the College Republicans a respected organization on campus."

The duty of the vice president is to assist and advise the President. The vice president also serves as liaison to the SGA and assumes the powers and duties of the president if the position is vacated. The responsibility of the treasurer is to coordinate all fund raising events and collect dues. The treasurer also cooperates with the SGA concerning the budget.

On September 15, the College Republicans held an election to fill the two offices. Candidates were chosen and the members of the College Republicans voted on the open positions. Freshman Emily Herzing was elected as the new vice president while sophomore Johanna Hutchison was elected treasurer.

Herzing is already a SGA senator and also is involved in the Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn. Herzing was also the president of her high school class and a member of the student council. "I wanted to be vice president because I have always been active in the Republican Party and I wanted to make sure that I carried that on in college," Herzing said. "I also love politics and really care about spreading the Republican Party ideas throughout campus."

Hutchison, who is in her second year of membership, is also very active on campus. Hutchison is involved in the YPS, FCA, Fresh Start, and Lambda Sigma. Last year, Hutchison helped bring Congressman Tim Murphy to campus to speak to the students and faculty. "I wanted to help the organization," Hutchison said. "I was treasurer for my high school National Honor Society, and I felt that I should be more active in my organizations."

Advisor Dr. A. Dwight Castro was on-hand for the election. Dr. Castro enjoys being the advisor to the College Republican organization. "I have been affiliated with the College Republicans for three years now," Dr. Castro said. "I was more than willing to become their advisor."

Burkhart is happy with the newly elected officials. "Johanna has done an excellent job for the College Republicans; she plans on continuing on bringing political speakers to campus. Although Emily is just a freshman, she will bring knowledge and experience to the position of vice president and will be a valuable member of the organization," Burkhart said.

College Democrats

By Jared Foster
Campus Writer

Even though the College Democrats already have two meetings under their belt, president Steve Ruperto encourages more students to join.

The organization meets in room 255 in the McKelvey Campus Center at 5:45 every Tuesday. Dues for the members are only five dollars.

"Just as the key to winning any election is getting people to vote for you, the key to this club is involvement." Ruperto said. "I encourage anyone with a political interest in the Democratic Party to join. The more active members we have, the more that can get accomplished."

"I think other students should join the College Democrats because it's a good way to become politically involved on campus, and it allows them to discuss current issues and voice their opinions with students who have the same ideas. It's also a great way to meet new people," sophomore political science major Kate Molinaro said.

The new members themselves are looking forward to the upcoming year. One of the new members is Jeremy Lawler. "I got involved because I wanted to get more involved on campus," Lawler said.

This year, the club plans on working with the Green Party and the College Republicans to have a donation drive for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The club has also been considering raising money for other charities.

"We are also looking into a t-shirt sale with some sort of Democratic saying on them," Ruperto said.

No major activities have been planned yet. Since there are no presidential elections this year, the events will be slightly different than last years.

"More than likely there'll be some changes in the kinds of activities we do as opposed to the election motivated campaigns we had last year," Molinaro said.

More news from around the campus

New Old Main: *looks pretty, though functionality main concern*

By Ashley Santarsiero
Campus Writer

It may take some time for returning students and faculty members to adjust to the changes in Old Main.

Old Main has quite a new look this year. Renovations in the building began last year and were completed this past summer. The Old Main project was given an approximate budget of $3.2 million. With the original budget, renovations that were required by code were a new electrical system, sprinklers, fire alarms and an elevator.

"Because construction went so well, we were able to use most of the contingency budget to make further renovations to the building," Vice President of Finance and Management Services Kenneth Romig said. "Most of the painting came from the unused contingency budget as well as the lighting upgrades in the first floor hallway."

In addition, the economics and business department received extra funding, which allowed the renovation of the three classrooms on the second floor. The classrooms are now "smart" classrooms (those that are not soon will be), and they are now equipped with new furniture.

"I'm really pleased with the renovations," Assistant Controller of the Business Office Janet Smith said. "It's a big improvement. Our office looks brighter and sunnier than before."

Now that the renovations have been completed, one cannot help but notice that the marble floors and windows have not been redone. Students are also complaining that some of the classrooms are still too warm.

"I have a night class on the third floor of Old Main and it is uncomfortably hot every time we meet," sophomore Alison McNary said. "Not to mention it constantly smells like paint."

"I would like to see new windows some time down the road and also new carpeting in the chapel," Barbara Linebaugh, assistant cashier of the business office, said.

Others have expressd that they were hoping for further office and classroom renovations, window replacement and certain roof and masonry repairs.

Two years ago, the building of the McKelvey Campus Center proved to be a successful project. The plan was to create a warm and inviting atmosphere with carpeting and nice furniture. Most would agree that this was accomplished. Hopefully, Old Main's new look and feel will mimick the success of the campus center.

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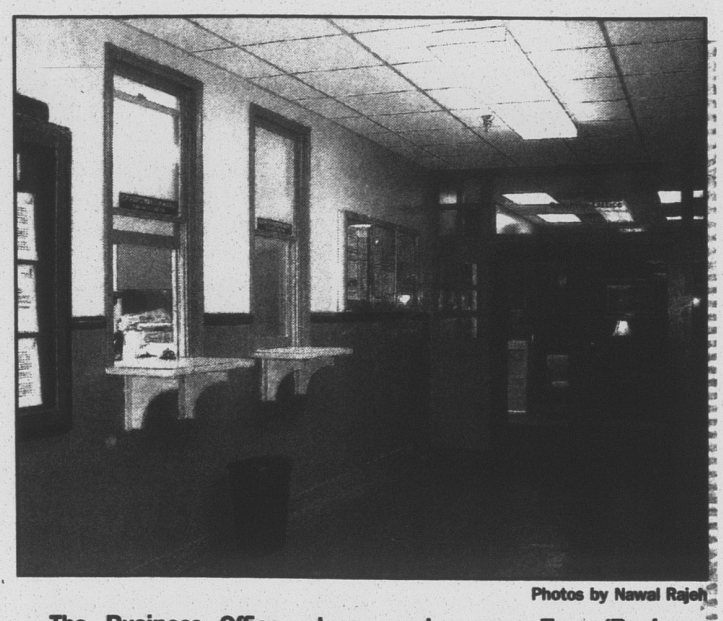
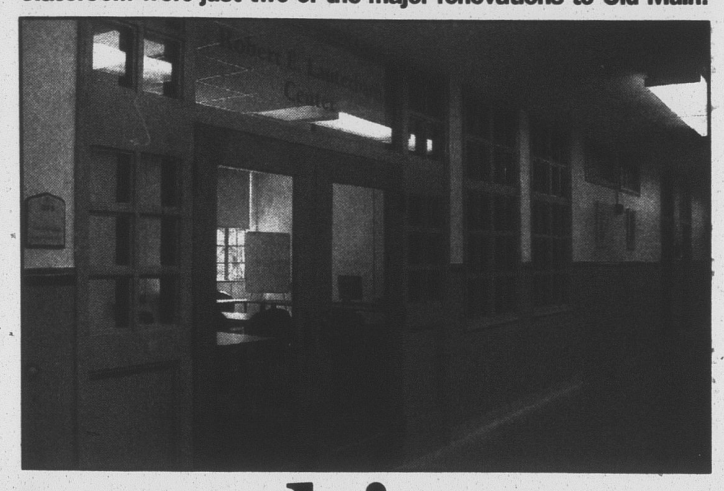


Photos by Nawal Rajeh

The Business Office, above, and a new Econ/Business classroom were just two of the major renovations to Old Main.



Doc Alert:

What's going around?

Westminster students visited the infirmary 146 times last week, 25 of those visits had symptoms consistent with the common cold.

Common colds are the most frequently acquired acute illnesses in the United States and throughout the industrialized world. Though the infection is self-limited, the burden in terms of lost productivity and expense is high. The common cold has been estimated to cost more than $3.5 billion per year in the United States alone. Forty percent of all time lost from jobs among those employed is due to colds, and annual school absences are as high as 23 million days.

What we all know as the common cold is actually a constellation of symptoms caused by a large number of different viruses. Rhinoviruses, for example, are among the most common viruses to cause a cold, but there are more than 100 different varieties of these viruses. This explains why people can get colds over and over again. The symptoms are usually the same, but the virus causing the cold is generally different.

Symptoms of the common cold usually include nasal congestion, runny nose, and sneezing. A sore throat may be present on the first day but usually disappears while nasal symptoms become more prominent. If cough occurs, it generally develops on about the fourth or fifth day of symptoms when nasal symptoms are resolving.

There are measures that may be at least partially effective in reducing the transmission of colds in a particular environment. For example, frequent hand washing can help decrease hand-to-hand transmission. Proper disposal of nasal secretions is certainly recommended. Using a disinfectant that kills viruses (such as phenol/alcohol, the active ingredient in Lysol®) to clean surfaces that an infected person may have touched may help decrease transmission via this route.

A number of other products, including zinc, vitamin C, and herbal products such as echinacea, have been advocated for use in the treatment or prevention of the common cold. None have been proven to be effective.

Wash your hands regularly, don't cough on your roommate, and take your vitamins. Go Titans!

Yours truly,
Dr. Gardner

Every other week, Health Services' Dr. Gardner keeps you informed on major cases he's treating.

Illustrious internships:

Students take summer to find play in work

By Winnie Limmer
Campus Writer

Approximately one hundred students served internships during the summer.

The number of student interns fluctuates from year to year, however, Assistant Director of the Career Center Janet Waugaman believes that students are beginning to realize the value of serving an internship.

"I can see how important [internships are] when students go to apply for jobs after graduation," Waugaman said.

Internships are also vital to students applying to graduate programs. Senior psychology major Kadie Strosko said that she chose to serve an internship to gain experience that may give her an edge during the graduate school application process.

Though it is only required for students with certain majors, it is recommended that all students serve internships. Junior broadcast communications major Liz Farry, who interned with NBC's Weekend Today Show in New York City, believed that serving an internship was essential to her education.

"Broadcasting is not really the kind of thing you can learn in a classroom from a book," Farry said. "It's all about hands-on experience."

Students who were required to intern didn't seem to enjoy their internships any less than those who chose to serve them. Senior public relations major Lindsay Painter was responsible for creating a memorial for soldiers who lost their lives in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

"It was an intense project but so fulfilling," Painter said. "I will never forget meeting the soldiers' family members. Their gratitude is something that I will cherish forever."

For some students, an internship leads directly to a job. In fact, some companies will only hire from their pool of interns, according to Waugaman.

"[An internship] allows the company to get to know the student, and the student to get to know the company," Waugaman said. "It's a preview."

Senior public relations major Courtney Turek found this to be true. Via connections made during her internship, Turek was offered a job at a nationwide computer company. In fact, she has already begun working there as Director of Public Relations.

Most internships are unpaid, but some offer modest stipends or compensation for travel expenses.

Paid or unpaid, most students are offered course credit for serving an internship. Though students are not prohibited from earning, the true value of an internship is the experience.

A suitable memorial for Sandy

"As you discovered this level of Sandy, you found a new way of viewing the world and yourself."

Sandra May Edmiston 1983-2005

By Nawal Rajeh
Staff Writer

Anyone who has spent time on campus during the past four years has most likely encountered Sandra May Edmiston. She was incredible-leaving an impact on everyone with whom she interacted.

Some students, in their short time here, leave a lasting impact and change the face of the college. Sandy was one of these people.

She worked hard for four years on various projects and clubs- one of these being the Sierra Student Coalition, which she founded-leaving the community with something positive to work for long after her graduation.

The loss of Sandy to this community is immense and she will not be forgotten by any peer, friend or distant admirer who remains. However, years after we are gone, the inspiration, story and life of Sandy will continue to be remembered on Westminster's campus.

After her death in early August an account was set up in the Business office where contributions could be made in her memory to the Outdoor Biology Lab run by Dr. Clarence Harms. To date, more than $2500 have been collected.

Though no memorial has yet to be solidified, Harms has several significant ideas and assures that whatever the memorial ends up being, it will be substantial, with a lifespan of hundreds of years; as long as the college is around.

One idea includes a memorial close to Fayette-New Wilmington Road, where Sandy frequently ran. It would have picnic tables, bird bathes, and a sculpture of art rock, displaying perhaps one of three rocks Harms has from Wyoming.

The most extensive idea to date is to build a labyrinth. Various members from the campus community have come together and are putting their efforts toward building one somewhere at the Field Station. A labyrinth is a circular path that has only one entrance and trail, leading to a center. The center may have benches, books, and other ends for contemplation.

Labyrinths are found in many cultures around the world and can be used for meditation and prayer, among other things. They are commonly seen as metaphors of the journey of life and into one's deepest self.

This particular labyrinth would have a stone path and plantings along the way, some plants that Sandy herself had cared for and raised. Another idea is to have Sandy's words as well as inscriptions of family and friends in the stepping stones along the path.

Members of the community who have gathered to discuss Sandy's memorial have begun looking further into designs of Labyrinths and are still in the beginning stages. There are many reasons why this is such an appropriate memorial for Sandy. For one, it is a place in nature where one comes to contemplate life. Junior Kylie Gallagher commented on why she feels this would be such an appropriate memorial.

"Sandy was such a deep and complex person and the more you got to know her the more you discovered this new inner layer of who she was. As you discovered this level of Sandy, you found a new way of viewing the world and yourself. I see the labyrinth as the same, it represents her well. It will allow us to each discover something new and special as we follow the path towards the middle. Around each bend will be something exciting and challenging, like Sandy. And finally the center, the very heart and soul, will be where we can sit and enjoy some of the things Sandy enjoyed so much during her time here."

Sandy's memory will be honored in other ways as well. The 2004-2005 Argo has been dedicated to Sandy. Tree plantings around campus are also in the near future. Books dedicated to the library, scholarship, and a number of other ideas are also in development.

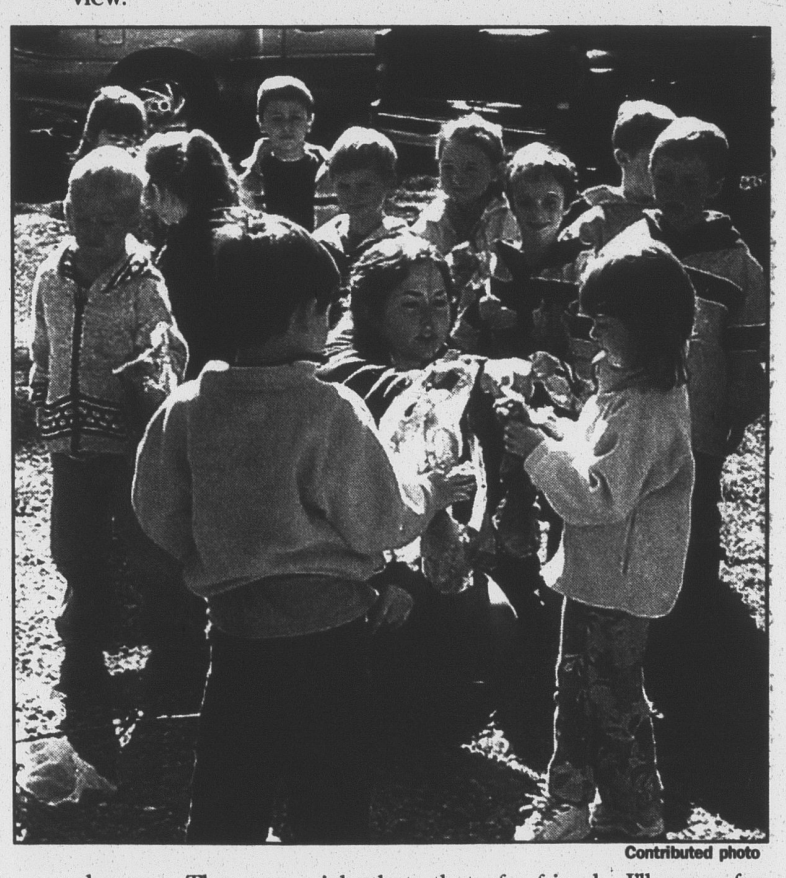
As can be seen, everyone is thinking of what they can do to honor the memory of Sandy Edmiston. In our own personal ways, we will all remember her, and live differently because of what she has taught and given to us.

Sandy's life and death have led many to contemplate their place in what Sandy called a "broken, beautiful world". One cannot think of her and ignore her passion for the earth, for people everywhere and for change. The memorials that will be built are not to take place of memories and actions but are to pass the legacy of the passion and love of Sandra Edmiston. This legacy will live on much longer than any of us can imagine.

When I heard the news of Sandy's passing I felt overwhelming sadness. Sadness not only for myself, for friends, teachers, family- but sadness also for the world. A world which Sandy had so many plans for- a broken world that Sandy somehow made beautiful. These memorials are to preserve Sandy's dreams and to remind us that we can make her dreams a reality.

"We have to do something to preserve her memory...My own experience with her is that of a friend...I'll never forget her", said Harms.

We will never forget her, and for those who will not have the distinct honor of meeting Sandra in this life, they will learn of her passion and vision. Her life and words will continue to inspire those she never got to meet.



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Memorial contributions may still be made to the Murie Center, P.O. Box 399, Moose, Why. 83012, or the Westminster College Outdoor Biology Laboratory, New Wilmington 16172. A blog site for friends and family has been set up to share thoughts and memories of Sandy. It can be visited at http://greenpaper.blogs.com/sandy/

Campus News

Alumnus endures Katrina

Many fled, but this man chose to stick through it all.

By Leanna Stitt
Staff Writer

Although everyone by now has heard about the distressing effects of Hurricane Katrina, few people know first hand account stories concerning the storm. Joseph Burns, a 1986 graduate of Westminster, currently lives in the city of Hammond, Louisiana. While a telecommunications major here, Burns worked at WWNW (now Titan Radio) and WKST. Burns remarked, "Classes to me were secondary. I was a radio guy."

About six years ago, Burns moved south and still resides there today.

The unique aspect of Burns's Katrina story is that he and his family decided to stay and ride out the hurricane. Burns later states that it was "one of the dumbest decisions he's ever made." Hurricanes come and go all the time in Louisiana but never end up posing as a major threat. "It was better to stay because if something happened to the house, I could fix it," Burns remarked.

Little did he know at the time that the hurricane he chose to battle is now noted as the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history. "Days passed and it never turned. It kept going west, the weather people kept getting more and more concerned and we ignored them," Burns said.

Unfortunately, the hurricane was much more than Burns anticipated. "I was woken up about 3:30 in the morning from a rather loud thunder clap. I went out to make a pot of coffee and the power went out...seemed to be nothing more than a very good Louisiana summer storm," Burns said. "Once the sun came up, you could see that all the trees and branches snapped off about 50 feet up tree trunks from microburst tornados.

An oak tree in our yard, with a trunk diameter of at least five feet, snapped three feet above the ground and toppled into my yard taking my fence and part of a secondhuge oak with it. I swear my internal organs began to fail. This thing had a limb span at least the width of my house and it was gone."

Burns also recalled other horrific scenes from outside. "I got up and looked out a side window just in time to see my side yard fence pop free from each vertical post and blow down in sections," Burns said. "It looked like dominos."

Since Burns, his wife and his newly adopted 11 month old son were hardly prepared for a storm of this amount, Burns immediately made a trip to the grocery store. When he returned, Burns expected the power outage to be a short inconvenience. "We just expected the power to go out for a day or two and that would be that," Burns said. At the end of it all, the Burns family was left without electricity or phone service for 9 days. Fortunately, Hammond, the city where the Burns family resides, was not flooded because of their convenient geographic location. Also, they never were without water. Burns said, "We never lost water or water pressure or sewer. The two water towers in Hammond stayed up."

Hammond is located about 45 minutes north of New Orleans and lies 5 feet above sea level. Even through all of this, Burns admits that the hurricane itself was not the most difficult part of survival; it was what happened afterwards.

His main goal first was to find a grocery store. "I scavenged. I went on a scavenger hunt. Places would open sparatically. If you were there, you got lucky," Burns said. He eventually scrounged up an endless supply of slim jims, pop tarts and water. The heat index lingered just over 100 degrees Fahrenheit and their home soon became oppressively hot. "We needed to create our own power," Burns said. One of the biggest reliefs came when Burns heard news of a supply of 900 generators being sold at a Lowes Home Improvement Store in Baton Rouge. Since he heard the news so quickly, he was able to get there in time and purchased one for $699.

Unfortunately he soon discovered that maintaining a generator was too costly and pulled $40 a day out of his pockets. The gas supply they gathered earlier had completely run out. Burns stated, "When the gas ran out, I looked at her [his wife] and said 'I don't have anymore money.'"

When he contemplated leaving, Burns decided it would be too difficult. "We thought about leaving, but the thing is, there's only a couple places to go; either drive to Kansas city for 14 hours with an 11 month old or go to a hotel," Burns said. Either decision included leaving home which Burns did not feel comfortable doing.

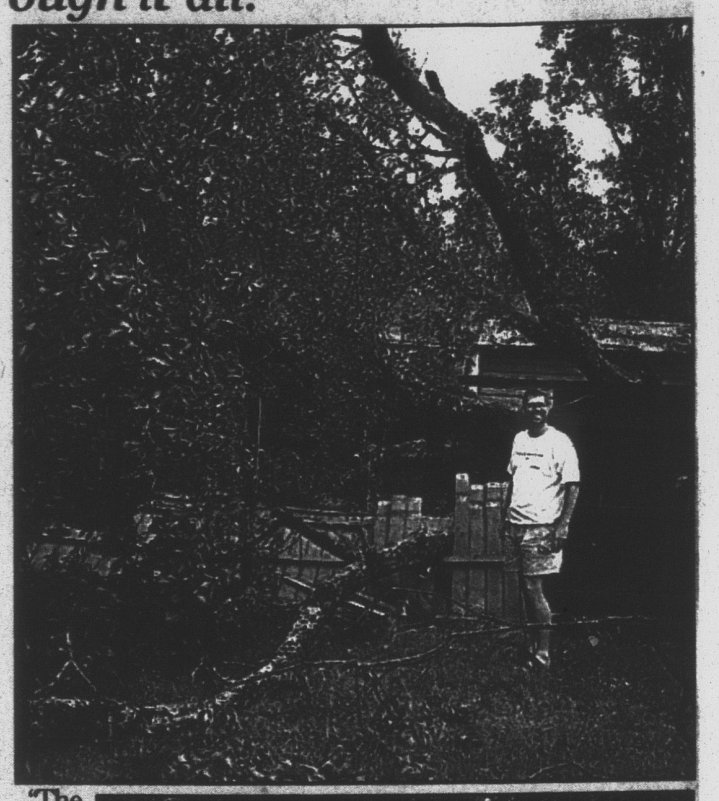
When the gas ran out, I looked at her [the wife] and said, "I don't have any more money."
Joseph Burns

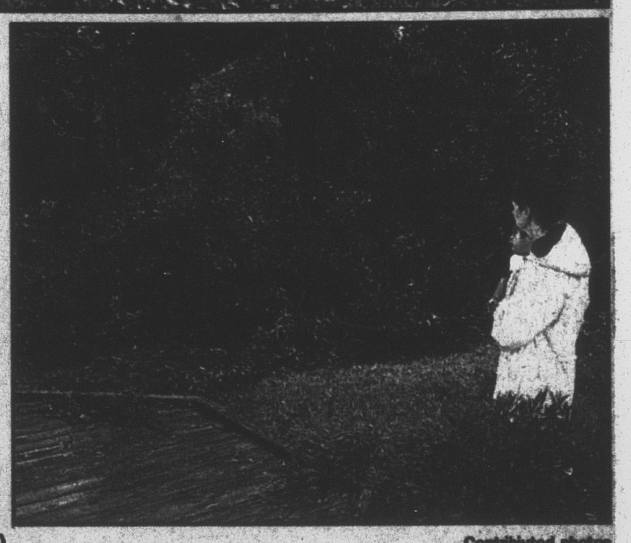
The main challenge they faced during these nine days was boredom. Burns said, "I was so bored I couldn't even pick up a book. I actually starting finding pleasure in taking Max's empty baby food jars and catching big bugs!"

Burns prays that Hurricane Rita doesn't do any major damage. "The people in this area are already extremely skittish," Burns said.

When asked what he'd do if another hurricane hit close to home, Burns didn't hesitate for a second, "The next one that's aimed at New Orleans, we're packing up the cats and the kid and leaving. Don't worry. We're good guests. We don't smoke and shower most every day."

Listen to Joe Burns tell his story:
7 a.m. Sunday, September 25th on Froggy 95 (95.1 FM)
10 a.m. Sunday, September 25th on Titan Radio (88.9 FM)





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Joe Burns, a 1986 graduate, and his family greet Katrina's maelstrom of broken fences, down trees

Back to the future?

Old becomes new under criteria changes

By Hugh Hothem
Staff Writer

When students from the class of 2009 walk the senior terrace at graduation, they will receive their diploma under different requirements than current upperclassmen.

Dr. Jesse Mann, vice president of academic affairs, announced to the Fresh Start staff on Thursday, Aug. 25 that the graduation qualifications are now lower for first and second year students.

They will graduate with 128 credit hours instead of the required 132, will not need to fulfill a community service project and will not take a second semester of Inquiry. The first-year students, however, must now pass Inquiry, something which sophomores, juniors and seniors needed not do in the past.

Upon hearing this information, junior Matthew Kerns posed a question. "Would such changes devalue the upper class students' diplomas?"

Kerns, like other concerned upper class students, believes that the change in the system is not beneficial for Westminster's reputation.

"Because our diploma is only as valuable as the school's reputation, ten years or more down the road when we say that we graduated from Westminster, the projected image of the school for that time will be of the lesser standards," Kerns said.

Mann explained that the lesser requirements are not new to Westminster.

"What we did, was we went back to the older Westminster criteria," Mann clarified in a later interview. "This is the criteria that existed from the 1970s to the spring of 1996."

Mann explained that the revisited standards are intended to address the growing number of students not graduating in four years.

Such criteria changes, according to Mann, align Westminster with the other colleges that Westminster measures itself against academically. These are the same schools the college looked to when raising the GPA requirement for making the Dean's list and receiving Latin honors.

However, Mann understands the concerns of upper class students. "Right now the student body is split half and half," Mann said. "The upper class follows the Westminster standards between the fall of 1997 and the fall 2005 and the under class follows the former standards."

Yet, such changes in criteria do not upset all upper class students. "I don't think it's as bad as students make it out to be," junior Amy Wirtz said. "The last eight years were a trial, and little value is lost now that they are returning to the original criteria."

While sophomore Ashley Linnelli is pleased that her class burden is lightened, she understands the real reasons behind the changes.

"I feel lucky because it's less work," she said. "But at the same time, I know the school is doing this for a good reason as they are looking out for our best interests."

Such explanations, however, will not change the bitter taste left in the mouths of some upper class students.

"I feel that if the standards continue to fall that all the money I spent on school will not be as positive an investment as if the school raised its standards and challenged its students more as colleges are meant to do," Kerns said.

Ed. note: This story was originally run in the 9/9 issue but was accidentally cut off.

Marching band entertains, impresses high school students, college

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The percussion section watches drum major Cyndi Mancini (off camera) at the Lawrence County Band Festival at Neshannock High School on Wednesday, September 21.

By Amy Schillinger
Campus Writer

"He's your Tad, he's my Tad, he's R. [our] Tad Greig!"

Such cheers can be heard echoing from our 112-member marching band during their many tasks for the 2005-2006 season. With festivals, parades, and football games, this year's band activities are in full swing.

The band played Saturday September 17 in a festival at Brentwood High School near Pittsburgh, PA, performing in front of more than 2,000 people.

Making four guest appearances in all, the band has been traveling to area high schools showing off their talent. A festival consists of a number of local high school band performances and usually showcases the Titan marching band at the end as a feature. These festivals are used as a time to gain public interest from prospective students in the campus band.

"We must focus on doing our best each time we step on the field," band director and drill designer Tad Greig said. "We only have one opportunity to show each group of people what we do."

The marching band family is not restricted to musicians only. There are also danceline and guardline members intertwining on the field.

"I love that my section seems like its own little world, but when we work with the rest of the band we get standing ovations," senior Dina Linn said

With their busy performance schedule, the band must get the most out of each practice. To start off the year, all members participate in a mandatory band camp during the week prior to classes.

"Moving in early is the best part of marching band," junior Amanda Petrovich said.

The band is on the field from 8:30 a.m. until lunch. They then have two more hours of extra practice and its back out on the field for rehearsal from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. During the school year, the band practices two times a week in the afternoon.

"So for the one credit given to the band, the students usually have more than 80 hours of band camp and 3 hours a week of practice in addition to performances," Greig said.

Besides high school festivals and football games, the band also performed in a parade at Kennywoood Park in conjunction with their summer performance series.

The band will be marching in the Homecoming parade the morning of Saturday, September 24 and will play at halftime during the football game that day.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Friday

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High	High 72	High 78	High 72	High 69	High 72	High 74
Low	Low 54	Low 51	Low 46	Low 50	Low 52	Low 48
A shower is likely early	Clouds and sun; a brief shower	Chance for a p.m. thunderstorm	Clouds breaking for some sun	Mostly sunny and breezy	Intervals of clouds and sun	A few showers are possible

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:10 a.m.	7:17 p.m.
Saturday	7:11 a.m.	7:15 p.m.
Sunday	7:12 a.m.	7:13 p.m.
Monday	7:13 a.m.	7:12 p.m.
Tuesday	7:14 a.m.	7:10 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	10:25 p.m.	1:39 p.m.
Saturday	11:14 p.m.	2:41 p.m.
Sunday	none	3:34 p.m.
Monday	12:10 a.m.	4:18 p.m.
Tuesday	1:10 a.m.	4:54 p.m.

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Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Sep 25	Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 17

Weather History

On Sept. 23, 1984, the mercury read 38 degrees at Chadron in northwestern Nebraska. At the same hour, it reached 90 in Kearney in the eastern part of the state.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	70	54	sh	72	60	sh	75	54	t	73	46	sh	66	47	s
Butler, PA	74	52	sh	73	57	sh	74	54	t	72	46	sh	68	42	s
Cambridge, OH	74	50	sh	76	60	sh	80	58	t	76	46	sh	73	46	s
Canton, OH	72	54	sh	72	58	sh	75	55	t	73	46	sh	67	46	s
Cincinnati, OH	78	62	t	84	66	sh	80	64	t	76	58	sh	76	60	c
Clarion, PA	72	48	sh	67	56	sh	72	54	t	64	44	sh	66	42	s
Clarksburg, WV	77	58	t	77	60	sh	79	60	t	70	48	sh	68	46	s
Cleveland, OH	72	58	sh	74	60	sh	76	60	t	70	52	sh	67	46	s
Columbus, OH	76	64	sh	78	62	sh	78	58	t	76	52	sh	74	52	pc
Cumberland, MD	76	54	sh	70	59	sh	78	58	t	72	48	sh	66	46	s
Erie, PA	70	48	pc	70	56	pc	74	58	t	68	54	sh	70	54	s
Franklin, PA	71	48	sh	67	56	sh	72	54	t	66	44	sh	64	42	s
Greensburg, PA	75	56	sh	75	61	sh	76	60	t	70	46	sh	64	48	s

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Greenville, PA	70	52	sh	71	57	sh	74	56	t	66	45	sh	67	45	s
Grove City, PA	72	51	sh	69	57	sh	73	54	t	66	43	sh	65	42	s
Hagerstown, MD	84	58	sh	76	58	pc	80	60	c	76	56	sh	76	52	s
Indiana, PA	74	56	sh	71	61	sh	78	62	t	69	48	sh	66	49	s
Jamestown, NY	70	48	pc	65	54	pc	67	53	t	62	44	sh	62	43	s
Kittanning, PA	74	55	sh	72	60	sh	76	59	t	70	46	sh	67	46	s
Lisbon, OH	72	54	sh	71	59	sh	75	56	t	68	46	sh	67	46	s
Mansfield, OH	70	54	sh	74	61	sh	74	54	t	72	46	sh	66	48	s
Marietta, OH	79	59	t	80	64	sh	81	60	t	75	49	sh	70	48	s
McKeesport, PA	76	56	sh	74	62	sh	78	62	t	72	52	sh	68	50	s
Meadville, PA	70	44	sh	71	59	pc	72	54	t	64	45	sh	64	46	s
Morgantown, WV	76	58	sh	76	62	sh	82	60	t	76	54	sh	70	48	s
New Castle, PA	72	53	sh	72	56	sh	77	53	t	71	46	sh	68	49	s

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Oil City, PA	72	49	sh	68	57	pc	72	54	t	65	44	sh	64	43	s
Pittsburgh, PA	76	56	sh	74	60	sh	80	58	t	74	52	sh	70	50	s
Sharon, PA	70	52	sh	72	56	sh	76	58	t	68	46	sh	70	48	s
Somerset, PA	70	50	sh	67	58	sh	73	55	t	65	46	sh	61	47	s
Steubenville, OH	75	55	sh	74	61	sh	80	57	t	74	47	sh	70	46	s
Uniontown, PA	76	56	sh	76	60	sh	78	58	t	70	44	sh	69	45	s
Warren, OH	71	52	sh	72	57	sh	75	55	t	67	45	sh	67	45	s
Washington, PA	74	54	sh	74	58	sh	81	57	t	73	42	sh	72	41	s
Waynesburg, PA	75	56	sh	75	60	sh	82	59	t	72	44	sh	71	44	s
Wheeling, WV	75	56	sh	74	62	sh	80	57	t	74	48	sh	70	47	s
Youngstown, OH	70	52	sh	72	56	sh	74	55	t	67	45	sh	66	43	s
Wooster, OH	70	51	sh	73	58	sh	75	53	t	73	41	sh	65	44	s
Zanesville, OH	75	56	sh	77	60	sh	81	58	t	74	46	sh	71	47	s

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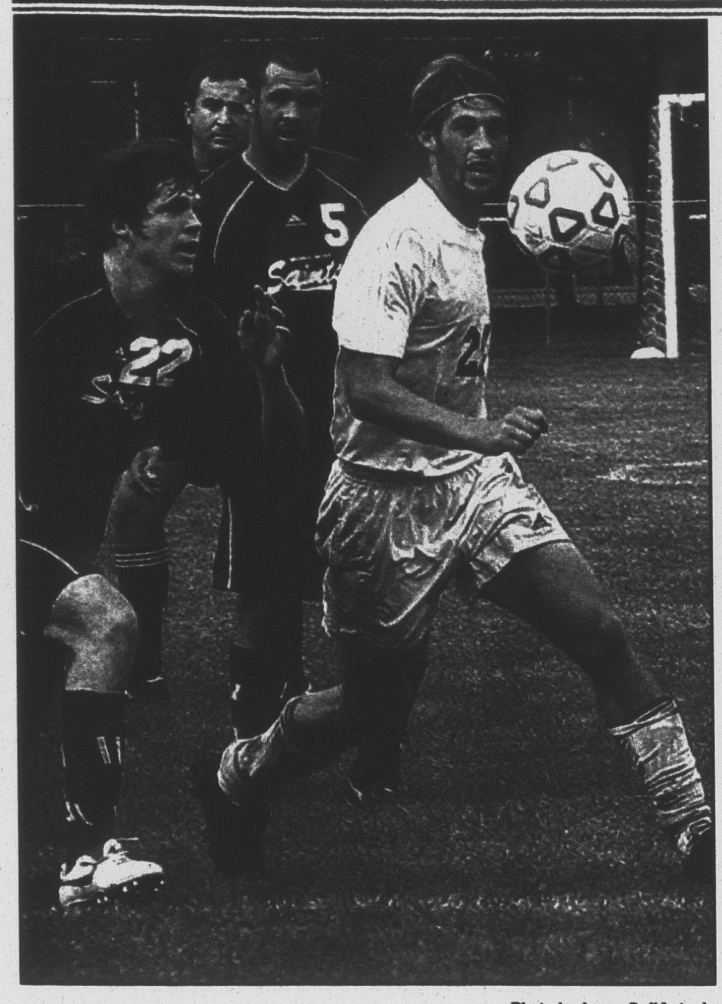


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

In pursuit

Junior Blake Ordell sprints after the ball. Titan soccer fell to Thomas More but defeated Pitt-Greensburg this week. The men face Grove City College at home September 24 at 11:00 a.m.

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Sophomore Kristin Martin and junior Sarah Calderone embrace during their winning match against Thomas More September 17. The Lady Titan soccer team defeated Allegheny, Pitt-Greensburg and Thomas More last week, shutting out Allegheny and Pitt-Greensburg. They host Wittenberg September 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Titans find endzone; bury Hiram

By Steve Brink
Sports Writer

The Titans had possession of the ball for nearly two-thirds of the game, as they piled up 291 yards on the ground en route to a 38-7 drubbing of Hiram on Saturday. Senior Sean Buggey led the rushing attack, as he ran twenty-six times for a 178 yards and three scores. It was also a day in which backup Quarterback Brett Myers was 15-22, for 114 yards and one touchdown. Myers replaced injured J.R. Barley halfway through the 1st quarter.

The real stat of the game though was the rushing yardage. Nearly three hundred for Westminster, and a measly eight yards for Hiram.

And anyone who has ever played football before can tell you that eight rushing yards = No Chance.

Hiram's inability to establish the run, plus the fact that they were trailing for most of the game forced them to throw the ball often. And because they had a freshman starting as QB, that didn't bode well for the Terriers.

Except for a few long plays early on, Trevor Henderson couldn't consistently move the ball through the air. He completed only nine of his twenty-six passing attempts for 97 yards on the day.

As poorly as the Hiram offense played, their defense was equally as bad.

Westminster got on the board in the 1st quarter, when Buggey's 2-yard run got the Titans into the end zone for the first time all season. They didn't find the end zone again until the 2nd quarter, when Myers connected with tight end Josh Bero for a 12-yard score.

On the ensuing possession, Hiram put together their only quality drive of the game. On 3rd and eleven, Henderson hit wideout Max Kravitz for a 26-yard gain, which put the Terriers inside the red zone for the first and only time that day. Six plays later, Henderson threw a pass that went right through the hands of Westminster safety Jared Smith, and into the hands of Sean Hardy. The play went for a 5-yard touchdown pass, but it would be the last time Hiram would even come close to scoring.

With a minute and a half to go in the 2nd quarter, Titan kicker Chris Castillo nailed a 35-yard field goal to give the Titans a 17-7 halftime lead.

The score would remain 17-7 until the first play of the 4th quarter. That's when Buggey scampered 18 yards for another Titan touchdown.

Westminster wasn't finished. On their next possession, Myers hooked up with wideout Brett Ziegler for a 7-yard completion on 3rd and five. Two plays later, Buggey took the handoff on a halfback draw play and ran 39 yards for another score.

With about three minutes to go in the game, LB Greg Pfeifer forced a fumble off of Hiram's Sean Kaminski during a punt return. Oh yeah, and Pfeifer recorded the fumble too. The sophomore linebacker also finished the game with four tackles and a sack, and was nominated for PAC Defensive Player of the Week.

After the fumble, RB Ron Rokicki scored his 1st collegiate touchdown on a 5-yard run, which made the score 38-7.

Westminster finished the day with 412 total yards of offense. Jerry Bonenberger, Adam Hadbavny, and Ryan Chmura each had five tackles on the day to lead the Titans. Chmura also added a sack.

The Titans are back in action this weekend as they host the newest member of the PAC conference, Thomas Moore. The Saints already have a quick 2-0 lead in conference play, as they beat Bethany and Grove City respectively the last two weeks. Kickoff is set for 1:30 pm. Saturday is also Homecoming for the Titans. Westminster is 50-4 in Homecoming games since 1952.

Titan Sports weekend recap

By Tom Heath
Sports Writer

Titan sports were full speed ahead during the weekend of September 16. Getting the weekend kicked off right, the Lady Titan volleyball team was host to eight teams for the Westminster Titan Invitational.

The women's volleyball team won three straight matches to put them in the championship Saturday evening. The Titans defeated Carlow and Ohio Wesleyan on Friday night and Pitt-Bradford on Saturday morning. However, the Lady Titans were defeated in the tournament championship by the College of Wooster.

Senior outside hitter Erin Hinks and junior setter Rachael Cooper were named to the all-tournament team. Hinks was also honored for her play, earning PAC player of the week for volleyball.

Along with volleyball, men's and women's soccer were also in action. The men's team suffered their first PAC loss as they were defeated by conference newcomer Thomas More 2-0. They outshot the Saints 24-8, but failed to find the inside of the net. The Titans are 3-3 for the season and 0-1 in PAC contests.

The Lady Titans, however, were also victorious against the Saints of Thomas More by a mark of 2-1. Scoring for the Lady Titans were sophomore Sarah Calderone and freshman Abby Montgomery. The Lady Titans are now 1-0 in PAC play.

Men's golf was host this weekend to the Titan Invitational at the New Castle Country Club on Saturday. Leading the way for the team was freshman Jeff Skubick, who finished third in individual competition with a 41-36-77. However, the team finished second overall, five strokes behind champion Carnegie Mellon.

Men's and women's cross country were also in action Saturday at the Penn State-Behrend Invitational. The men finished in seventh place; the women finished in eighth. Leading the way for the men was sophomore Nate Mitchell, who placed 50th out of 111 runners in a time of 30:03.

Leading the women was sophomore Leanna Stitt , who finished in 51st place in a 124-runner field with a time of 22:07.

Two students recognized by PAC

Senior, freshman lauded for athleticism

A pair of student-athletes have been named Players of the Week for their respective sports by the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) for the week ending September 18, 2005.

Senior outside hitter Erin Hinks was named PAC Volleyball Player of the Week. Hinks posted 63 kills (3.94 kpg), 37 digs, four assists, three blocks and two service aces while leading the Lady Titans to a 3-1 record and second-place finish at the eight-team Westminster Invitational last weekend. She posted a season-high 20 kills in a five-set loss to Wooster for the tournament title. For her efforts, she was tabbed to the All-Tournament team.

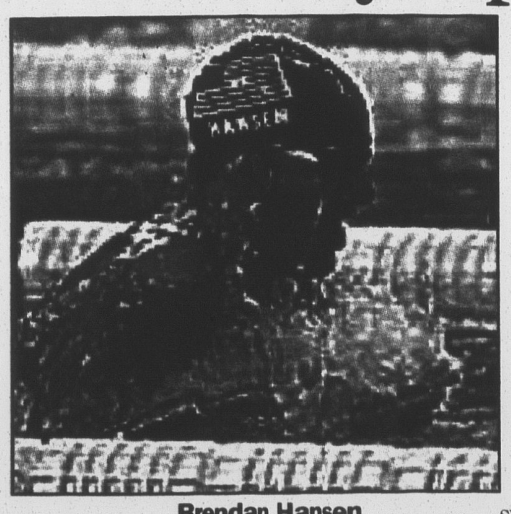
Freshman midfielder Abby Montgomery was tabbed PAC Women's Soccer Player of the Week. Montgomery had a hand in all three Lady Titan goals as Westminster went 2-0 last week with home wins over Allegheny (1-0) and PAC rival Thomas More (2-1). She assisted on the only goal of the game by Brittany McKee against the Gators. Against the Saints, Montgomery scored the game's first goal, then assisted on the game-winning goal by Sarah Calderone.

College to host olympian

The college will be hosting U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist swimmer Brendan Hansen, who will conduct The Ultimate Technique Swim Clinic for swimmers ages eight and older on Saturday, October 1, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Westminster Natatorium on the New Wilmington, Pa., campus. Check-in starts at 9 a.m.

The clinic will include Hansen teaching and demonstrating in water-stroke and technique drills, mental preparation, overcoming adversity, life choices, and dry land training. Hansen will also share how he became an Olympic Medalist with an Olympic Medal on hand.

Hansen is a three-time World Champion and was a three-time Olympic Medalist (Gold 4 x 100-meter medley relay, Silver 100-meter breaststroke, and bronze 200-meter breaststroke) at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. He is a three-time World Record Holder in the 4 x 100-meter medley relay, 100- and 200-meter breaststroke and a World Record Holder in the 400-meter medley relay.



Brendan Hansen

Registration is $60 per swimmer. Each registered swimmer will receive an autograph, an event swim cap, clinic entry, and group instruction from the fastest breaststroker in history and one of the best swimmers in the world. Space is limited to the first 150 swimmers, but parents and coaches are welcome free.

For more information, e-mail swimming coach Rob Klamut at klamutrg@westminster.edu.

Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

New coach, new stadium, they suck

The Pittsburgh Panthers are bad. How bad; you ask? So bad that not only is Dave Wannstedt losing his hair, but now his mustache hair as well.

With their most recent loss to Nebraska, the Panthers have started 0-3 for the first time since 1984.

On opening week, the Panthers fell 42-21 to Notre Dame—a loss much more lopsided than the score would lead one to believe.

The following week, the Panthers lost in one of the most "offensive" games in school history. No, I do not mean that Pitt racked up a ton of yards. The lowly Panthers fell 16-10 to the perennial powerhouse (tongue firmly planted in cheek) Ohio University Bobcats.

In the OU game, quarterback Tyler Palko completed 13 of 25 passes for 120 yards—a horrid performance furthered by three interceptions. During the preseason, some writers had even alluded to Palko competing for the Heisman trophy. . Now, however, Palko has quickly descended from "Heisman hopeful" to "WESPY long shot."

Regardless, the Panthers need a win. The Panthers sit next to Syracuse in the basement of the Big East, and with the recent realignment, the basement of the Big East is not a hopeful place.

Losing has been foreign to the University of Pittsburgh as of late. The Panthers earned five straight bowls under ex-head coach Walt Harris, including a BCS berth a year ago. Furthermore, the excitement generated from previous seasons under Harris certainly carried over to 2005.

Sports Illustrated labeled the Pittsburgh squad as "on-the-rise," and ranked them 23rd in the nation in the preseason. Wannstedt has remained hopeful thus far.

"Pressure is something you feel when you don't know what you're doing," he said to ESPN.

Wannstedt is too accomplished of a coach to feel threatened at this point, but the Panthers certainly have underachieved.

Pitt hosts Youngstown State tomorrow and travels to Rutgers the following weekend. If the Panthers can't finish September with a record of 2-3, then someone—anyone—needs to start screaming for Johnny Majors.

After all, and as I've stated in previous columns, it's a Pittsburgher's prerogative to suggest the absurd and discard loyalty whenever necessary.

Jason Mackey is a senior broadcast communications major. He can be seen weekly on Coach's Corner (7 p.m. on the WCN) and also meets the mandatory "Abercrombie Requirement" for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Buggey honored again

Senior running back Sean Buggey earned Offensive Titan of the Week honors for the second consecutive week after the football team's victory over Hiram. Buggey rushed 26 times for career-high totals of 178 yards and three touchdowns (2, 18, 39) against the Terriers. He posted 266 all-purpose yards (178 rushing, 12 receiving, 76 on kick returns) in the victory over Hiram.

A&E Arts & Entertainment

Emily Rose: "thorny"

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Is it really possible to be possessed by demons? Or are these cases of "possessions" the result of a deranged and mentally sick mind? The Exorcism of Emily Rose will leave you pondering both questions as you try to shake the horrific elements of the film from your mind.

If you go see The Exorcism of Emily Rose expecting a horror flick like its predecessor, The Exorcist, I'm afraid that you will be disappointed. Not to say that this movie does not have absolutely terrifying and chilling scenes, (one scene in particular involves the perspective of the boyfriend in the dorm room...it's completely horrific), but it is more of a psychological drama/horror film than plain horror. I'll explain this analysis later, but first here's a quick synopsis:

The film is based on a true occurrence of a teenage girl in Germany back in the 1970's. Of course, Hollywood stretches these facts a bit to make it about a nineteen year old girl in modern U.S.A. Anyway, Emily (Jennifer Carpenter) leaves her home in Nowheresville on a full scholarship to college. However, one night in her dorm she becomes "possessed" by demons and becomes demonic and literally starts acting crazy. Some of the positions her body contorts into make me feel the need to see a chiropractor along with a psychiatrist to erase the image. After medical treatment offers no aid, her family brings in Father Moore (Tom Wilkinson) to treat her and eventually perform the exorcism. Unfortunately, the exorcism fails and Emily dies shortly after.

The movie begins with the investigation of Emily's death and the fact that the state is prosecuting Father Moore for Emily's death. The church hires high-powered lawyer Erin Bruner (Laura Linney) to defend the priest and the church's reputation. Bruner, once quite the agnostic, finds herself questioning the existence of demons and dark forces by the end of the trial. The rest of the movie is told in flashback as the stories of various witnesses retell Emily's tale.

As promised, I give you the reason for my categorizing this film: the original exorcist movie leaves no question in the film's belief in the existence of demonic forces. This film, however, leaves us with no answers except more questions as to whether Emily was really possessed or if she suffered a rare psycho-schizophrenic disorder. Maybe the film is not about all the answers, but more questions. I think Father Moore's sole reason for taking the stand sums the film's purpose best: to tell Emily's story.

Rating: B+

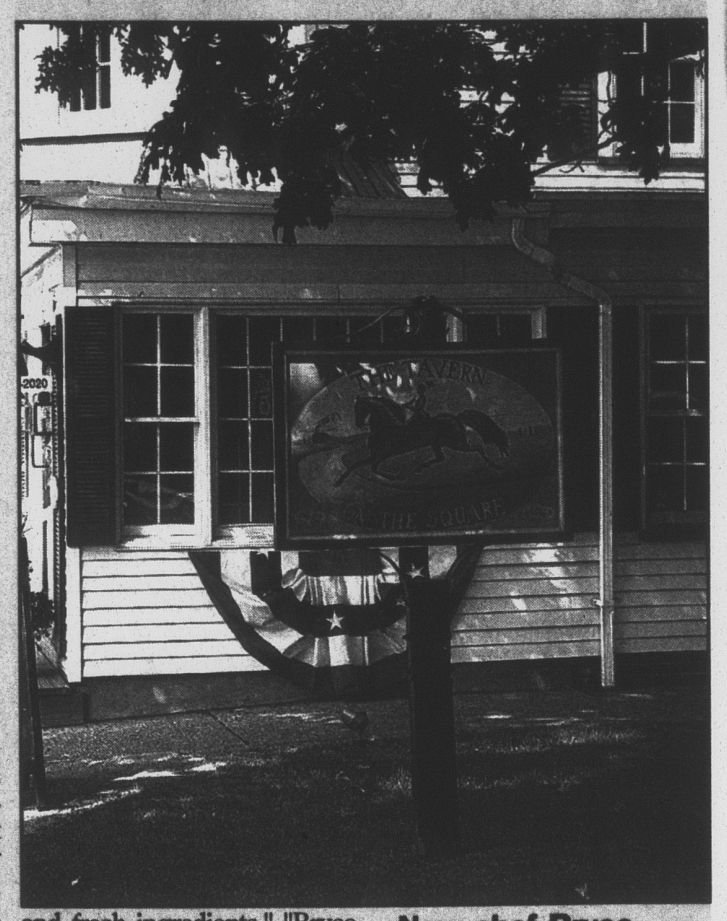
Actress Jennifer Carpenter in the title role of *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*

Sherri is a junior English major with a film studies minor. Sherri is known to be gruff until she's had her daily caffeine fix. Of course, after the gruffness clears, she'll never stop yammering in your ear.

The Tavern

Landmark restaurant dishes up new chef and specialties

By Nikki Bucci
Campus Writer



Jay and Jenny Behm reopened the Tavern on the Square on April 1, 2005 after having been closed for renovations.

Built in 1849, the Tavern originally served as the home and office of Dr. Seth Poppino. In 1933, the home became a restaurant.

Throughout the past 72 years, many things have changed. The new owners hoped the restoration process would resurrect its original colonial beauty. On December 31, 2004, the doors were closed to the public and the process began. The original hardwood floors and fireplace were uncovered. Muralist Gib McGill was commissioned to paint murals based on the 19th century artist Rufus Porter. Porters' murals decorate many homes throughout New England. To allow for patio dining, the backyard, now known as Tavern Yards, was enclosed.

The reopening brought new hours of operation as well as a revamped menu. The restaurant is open Sunday thru Thursday 11 a.m. until 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday closing is at 10 p.m. Prior to this year, the menu was recited, but now a printed lunch and dinner menu offers new culinary delights. However, some of the favorites like the pot roast, ham loaf, and chicken pot pie still remain.

New chef Bryce Stanford worked with Emeril Lagasse in New Orleans. Manager and alumna Jen Morgan stressed dedication to "quality and fresh ingredients." "Bryce really gets to show his creativity with some of the steak and seafood dishes," she said.

"I think they really put a lot of time and effort into the renovation," head waitress Coleen Corner said. "Everyone comments on how beautiful it is whether they have been here before or not."

"The atmosphere seems more casual," customer Grace Hink said. "Years ago, I hosted a party at the Tavern and have always enjoyed going. I appreciate the hard work that has gone into the renovations and look forward to my future dining experiences there."

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Tavern Yards will host various events, including a post homecoming game roast on September 14, 2005. The roast will feature a blue grass band and is $15 per person. It is open to the public. Those attending are welcome to bring a chair or blanket. If you are over 21 years old the event is BYOB.

"You really have to come in and see it. I think it's really incredible," Morgan said.

Make your debut at the Lube

Leah's winging it in downtown Sharon

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

Food is entertaining enough, but when you combine it with some high class entertainment, it's even better. Let's define "high class entertainment." A scruffy dude with a long ponytail hosting karaoke to intoxicated individuals.

Where can you find such a place? Every Friday night starting around 9:30 or 10:00 p.m. at Quaker Steak and Lube there is karaoke open to the public. It goes until 1:00 a.m.

So this has been my Friday night agenda for about a year. My friends and I head out to Sharon, go to the top level of The Lube, and search for a seat in the crowded mess of people. There's a "stage" where you can make your singing career debut. While you wait your turn to sing, you can order among the countless choices of artery clogging foods on the menu. Don't worry about it...it's only one day a week. That can't hurt, right

So my favorite food at The Lube is by far the "Magna Fries." This thick fries are smothered in cheddar cheese and bacon bits with ranch dressing on the side. One order is enough for three people, but they're so good that you really don't want to share.

Obviously, a popular order at this place are chicken wings. I think everyone has experienced Lube wings at some point, especially since we supply them at VolleyRock in the spring! But if not, the flavors of wings range from mild, BBQ, garlic, ranch, Louisianan Lickers all the way up to atomic. Usually waivers are signed before doing something "risky," like jumping out of an airplane or cruising down a river on white water rapids, but not for eating food. Apparently eating atomic wings are considered "risky" and you must sign a waiver before eating them. I know from other people's experience that these babies can burn the skin right off your mouth...mmm, don't ya just want to run out and order those?

If you want to be healthy when you go to The Lube, you can order the "Cheeseburger Salad." Sorry, guys, but that's about as healthy as you can get at this place. Basically this is a steak salad but instead of steak, they put a whole cheeseburger (minus the bun) on top of a bed of greens. It looks kinda funny but it's very good.

Okay, now that we've ordered and received our food, our name has been called to go up and sing! Every kind of music is available to you, including oldies, duets, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, today, and country. Even if you don't want to sing, the best part is watching everyone else make an idiot out of themselves. And if you have stage fright, it's okay because no one in the audience will remember anything about that night anyway.

So now you have something else to do on Friday nights. The Lube is located downtown Sharon by The Winner and Reyer's Shoe Outlet. I'll see you there!

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

Have a particular restaurant at which you find yourself often?

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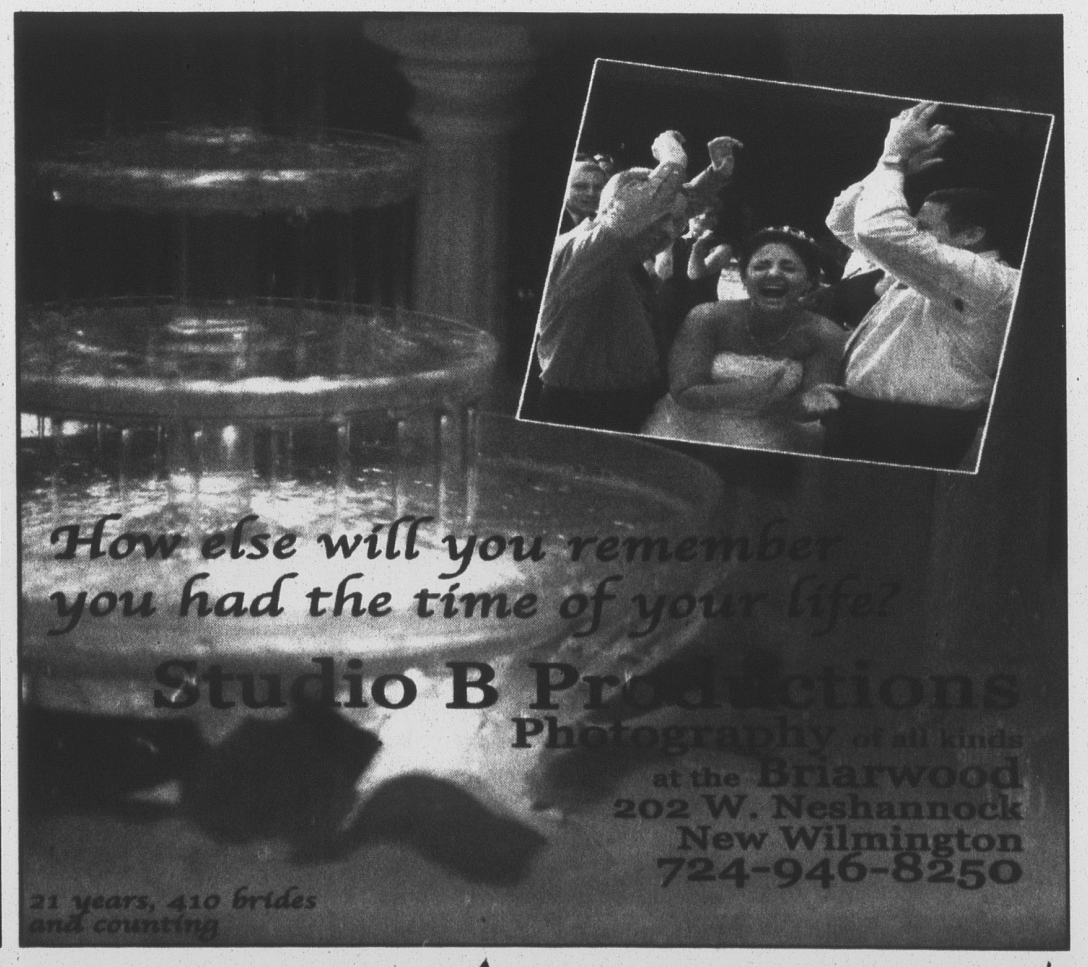

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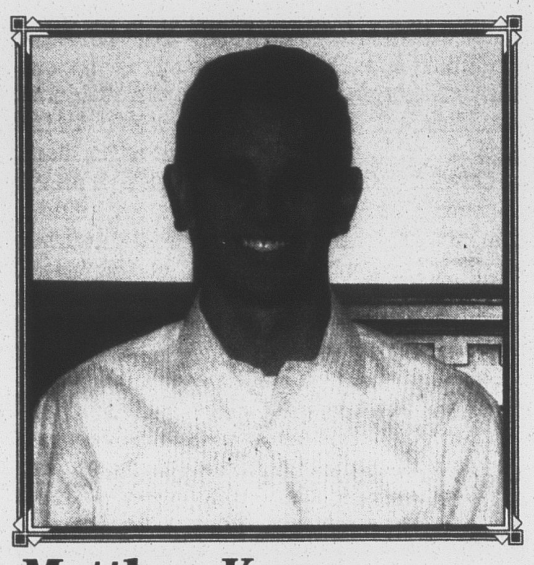

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Homecoming 2005

The Happenings

Friday:

11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Golden Tower Hospitality Suite, Ferguson Lounge
Alumni of the classes of 1955 and earlier, pick up your registration packets, and meet and greet your friends.

11:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m.
College Chapel Service, Wallace Memorial Chapel
Join current students for a campus worship service. Dr. Judson C. McConnell '55 will lead the service. Dr. McConnell served as the Westminster chaplain from 1959-81.

1 p.m.
Westminster Jazz, Wallace Memorial Chapel
Come enjoy afternoon music in the Chapel.

2:30 p.m.
Campus Tour, departs from Ferguson Lounge
Return to campus for familiar sights, current construction and renovations.

3 p.m.
Powder Puff Football, Quad
Come cheer on the 10th annual competition.

3:30 p.m.
Tea with the Books,
McGill LibraryFriends of the Library invite you to enjoy High Tea with Westminster family & friends.
Reservations required.

4:30 p.m.
Class of 1955 Reception, Faculty Commons, McKelvey Campus Center Members of the Class of 1955 are invited to a casual gathering with classmates.

6 p.m.
Rededication of Old Main Memorial, Senior Terrace

6:30 p.m.
Citation Celebration Reception & Dinner,
Witherspoon Rooms, McKelvey Campus Center

8 p.m.
Westminster Student Dance,
New Englander Banquet Center

9 p.m.
Class of 1955 Open House,
Wagner Home, 230 Francis St., New Wilmington

Saturday:

8:30-11 a.m.
Golden Tower Hospitality Suite, Ferguson Lounge
Alumni of the classes of 1955 and earlier, **pick up your registration** packets and meet & greet your friends here!

9-10:30 a.m.
Hospitality Area, Patio, McKelvey Campus Center; rain location TUB
Reconnect with friends, sign the Decade Boards, enjoy refreshments, purchase or pick up pre-purchased picnic and football tickets.

9:30 a.m.
Golden Anniversary Memorial Service, Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:45 a.m.
Campus Tour, departs from the McKelvey Campus Center Patio

10:30 a.m.
Parade, Market Street
Game Shows, old and new, are the theme for the annual Homecoming parade. Come and watch for your favorite.

11 a.m.
Broadcast Alumni Reception, WWNW TV & Radio Station, 3rd Floor, McKelvey Campus Center. Reservations helpful, but not required.
Women's Tennis vs. Washington & Jefferson
Men's Soccer vs. Grove City

11:30 a.m.
All-Alumni Picnic, Anderson Amphitheater
A great place to gather with friends before the game. Pick up pre-purchased tickets at the Hospitality Area or purchase them upon arrival.
Football Reunion Luncheon, 1994 National Championship Team, Memorial Field House Reservations required.
Reunion Celebration Luncheon – Classes of 1980, 1930-1955, Witherspoon Rooms, McKelvey Campus Center
Honor the 25th reunion class, and induct the 50th reunion class into the Golden Tower Society. Reservations required.

11:30 a.m.
Class and Cluster Reunion Luncheons
Reservations required
10th Cluster, Classes of 1994, '95 & '96, Orr Lobby
A casual reunion picnic for alumni and their families.
55th Reunion, Class of 1950, Berlin Student Lounge, McKelvey Campus Center
60th Reunion, Class of 1945, Club Room, McKelvey Campus Center
65th Reunion, Class of 1940, Room 255, McKelvey Campus Center

1 p.m.
Pre-game Events, Memorial Field
Presentation of the Homecoming court and Westminster band performance

1:30 p.m.
Titan Football Kick-off
Titans vs. Thomas Moore

2:30-3:30 p.m.
Unearth Westminster's Artifacts
Campus is home to many artifacts from ancient Egypt to pre-modern China, and more. Join Dr. Samuel A. Farmerie, curator of cultural artifacts, for a tour of current displays located on three floors of McGill Library, McKelvey Campus Center and Hoyt Science Center.

4-6 p.m. All-Alumni Open House with President Williamson, Williamson Home
Refreshments and post-game conversation at 521 New Castle Street.

4 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Wittenberg

6 p.m. Class and Cluster Reunion Receptions & Dinners
25th Reunion, Class of 1980, Grove City County Club
30th Cluster, Classes of 1974, '75 & '76, Holiday Inn Metro-Plex
45th Cluster, Classes of 1959, '60 & '61, Sharon Country Club
50th Reunion, Class of 1955, Radisson Hotel Sharon

Sunday:

Community Worship Services -
Westminster alumni are welcome to attend
10:30 a.m. New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, 229 South MarketStreet, New Wilmington
10:30 a.m. Neshannock Presbyterian Church, 330 Neshannock Avenue, New Wilmington

Homecoming Parade:
Greeks, independents finally float together

by Victoria Duerr
Campus Writer

Every year during the Saturday morning of Westminster College's homecoming weekend, Westminster students, alum, and New Wilmington residents gather along the parade route on the streets between New Wilmington High School and Westminster Drive to witness the homecoming parade. To those of you who still do not know the themes of the various floats and want to be surprised and dazzled by the careful craftsmanship and talent that go into these float designs, do not read on; I would not want to spoil your fun. If you would just like to admire the floats on Saturday, without having to think about the headache and politics behind this contest, please stop reading. Just go and enjoy the floats. After all, that is what they are there for.

If you have decided to continue reading, this is your last chance to quit. Carefully put the paper down, walk away, and do something constructive, such as voting for your favorite homecoming court candidate. Really, I am not kidding. This is the part of the article where I ruin your fun. So you're still with me? Very well, then. I will just continue on, assuming that you just are not a morning person. You are reading, because you have admitted to yourself that there is no way you will be awake and out of bed by 10:30 a.m. on a Saturday to watch the parade.

Well, sleepy head, here's what you will be missing tomorrow morning. The floats are themed after game shows. Sigma Nu has chosen *American Gladiators*, Theta Chi will be hosting *The Newlywed Game*, the Alpha Sigma Phi theme is *Hollywood Squares*, Sigma Phi Epsilon's theme is *Press Your Luck*, and Phi Kappa Tau will be in *Jeopardy*. Kappa Delta's theme is Double Dare, Phi Mu's theme is *The Bachelor*, Sigma Kappa chose *The Price is Right*, and Zeta Tau Alpha will be spinning the *Wheel of Fortune*.

Now, if you are still with me, this is the part with the controversy (gasps). Are you ready? Now just lean in a little closer so I can whisper. The "official" parade theme paper that is on display along the wall just outside of the Information Desk reports that Alpha Gamma Delta sorority's theme is going to be *Survivor*, a reality show, and a slight deviation from the game show theme. Not to mention, a massive debasement of television and entertainment in general. However, most of the Alpha Gams that I have contacted have not been able to commit to a theme. Some have told me that their theme was changed to *The Price is Right*.

Others have told me that they were not sure what their own sorority's theme was going to be. However, my careful sleuthing this evening has lead me to come up with two likely scenarios regarding the Alpha Gam float. One, they changed their theme to The Price is Right after coming to the realization that Bob Barker is way cooler than reality TV. Or two, they just threw *The Price Is Right* theme out there to cover for the appearance of a rumored "surprise guest" on the *Survivor* float, although I cannot begin to guess who that might be. I'm hoping that my fist scenario is correct, because any deviation from it will ultimately leave Bob Barker fans disappointed beyond all comprehension.

But the controversy does not end here, and neither do the floats. This year, independent organizations have finally been invited to join in on the floating fun. Why this option had not been presented sooner is the question. Westminster students like to get involved, that is just what we do. It is not unusual for a student to be a member of five, six, or seven student organizations. If the option of entering a float in the parade had been presented to non-Greek organizations in the past, several organizations would have jumped on it.

Why then, one might ask, are only three non-Greek organizations entering floats this year? The Independents are doing Super Market Sweep, the Black Student Union float is themed after Name that Tune, and Alpha Phi Omega hopes to create a Legends of the Hidden Temple float.

Time seems to be the reason that more organizations have decided not to join in on the fun. The decision to make all campus organizations eligible to enter a float in the parade was not communicated to the campus community until after the Greek organizations were informed of the float theme and had already chosen their game shows. Creating a float is a very time consuming endeavor. In addition to finding materials and designating members for a committee to design the float, an organization also has to have enough time to do the proper networking to get its hands on a truck or flatbed on which to transport the float.

The Greeks, who are invited every year to participate in the float contest, knew before the start of the semester that they had to begin the preparations for their floats. The other organizations, while excited to finally have the opportunity, where only given a few weeks to throw everything together.

When I asked the Panhellenic Vice President, Lauren Stang, about the choice to open the float contest to the entire campus, she responded, "This year the committee had heard more from Independents showing interest in a float, and the Independent homecoming candidate, Leah Mazzocca, helped them get organized." In response to this, I congratulate you, Leah. You have helped the committee in charge of homecoming take a step in the right direction. Hopefully next year more campus organizations will have sufficient time to prepare floats, knowing in advance that they have the option to enter floats in the parade.

As the Greek organizations have consistently demonstrated in the past, the floats provide an excellent opportunity for students to be creative and add flare to the parade.

The more floats that we can include in the future, the more exciting the homecoming parade will be.

Ever wonder what it would be like to control the 2nd largest committee on Capitol Hill?

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Where: Beeghly Theater
When: Monday, September 26 at 11:30
Why: To get the inside scoop from a **WC alum**

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Calendar

September 23, 2005
HOMECOMING
Volleyball at Ohio Wesleyan Invitational
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel
3:30 PM Guest Lecture: David Carothers, Distinguished Alumnus, "Polynomial Differential Equations: A Case Study in How Mathematics is Done" – Hoyt 166
4:00 PM Women's Tennis vs. Penn State-Behrend (H)
5:00 PM Meet the Homecoming Court – MCC TUB
6:00 PM Old Main Rededication – OM Senior Terrace
6:30 PM - 10:30 PM SGA Semi-Formal Homecoming Dinner Dance – "A Night at the Mirage" – New Englander

September 24, 2005
HOMECOMING
Volleyball at Ohio Wesleyan Invitational
10:00 AM Women's Tennis vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)
11:00 AM Men's Soccer vs. Grove City (H)
1:30 PM Football vs. Thomas More – Burry Stadium
4:00 PM Women's Soccer vs. Wittenberg (H)
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Titan Fest – Anderson Amphitheater
7:00 PM Mass – Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM CPC Presents: Monte Carlo Night – MCC Club/Lounge

September 25, 2005
HOMECOMING
7:00 PM Vespers – Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – Patterson 311

September 26, 2005
Ally Week
Sorority Meetings
11:30 AM Guest Speaker: WC Alum, Peggy Peterson, Careers in Government/Political PR – Beeghly Theater
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel
2:30 PM Women's Soccer vs. Thiel (H)
4:30 PM Men's Soccer vs. Thiel (H)
9:00 PM Monday Night Football: Kansas City Chiefs vs. Denver Broncos – MCC Club
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

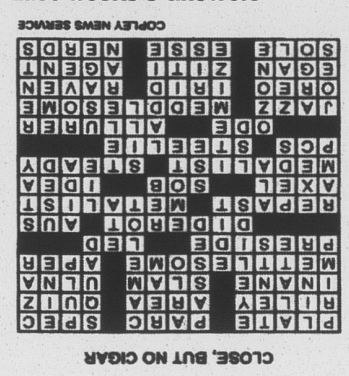
September 27, 2005
Ally Week
4:00 PM Women's Tennis at Bethany
5:00 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting – TC 315
7:00 PM Volleyball vs. Thiel (H)
8:00 PM Celebrity Series: "42nd Street" – Orr Auditorium
9:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting – Ferguson Hall Lobby
9:30 PM Newman Club – MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

September 28, 2005
Ally Week
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: "Participating in an NSF Program for Liberal Arts Professors and the Synthesis of Compounds Containing Unprecedented Metal to Metal Bonding" – MCC Mueller Theater
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Prayer and Reflection – Wallace Memorial Chapel
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM SGA Dinner for Student Organization Presidents – MCC Witnerspoon Lakeview
4:30 PM Women's Soccer vs. Grove City (H)
7:00 PM SGA Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater
7:00 PM Peace Studies Program Presents Ann Wright, Former US Diplomat – MCC Witherspoon Maple

September 29, 2005
Ally Week
12:40 PM Biology Lunch/Internship Presentations – Hoyt 152
9:00 PM Stargazing on the Roof of Hoyt – Meet in Hoyt Lobby
9:00 PM All Sorority Party (for First-Year and Transfer Women only) – Lakeview Room, McKelvey
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

September 30, 2005
Fall Retreat – Westminster Highlands
Ally Week
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM SGA Day: Free Food and Golf Cart Rides – Campus Center Patio (Galbreath Side) *Rain Location: Front of Orr Auditorium
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Titan's Tavern – MCC Club/Lounge

Last weeks's answers



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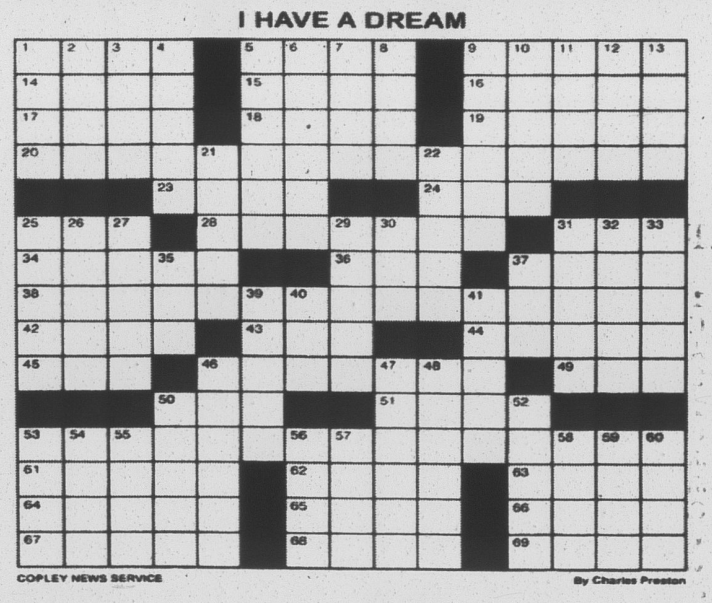

ACROSS
1 ". . . I'm free at ___!"
5 Identifying mark
9 Jackson's or Lincoln's birthplace?
14 First name in jazz
15 Barcelona bull
16 "A Bell for ___"
17 Source of nuclear energy
18 Bypass
19 Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, e.g.
20 Award won by Martin Luther King Jr.
23 Surprise attack
24 Female swan
25 Prohibit
28 Hairdresser
31 Subway alternative
34 Rap sheet listing
36 System starter
37 Foreshadow
38 "I Have a Dream" speech site
42 Shipped
43 Tijuana treasure
44 Lively dance
45 ". . . have you ___ wool?"
46 Upper Sandusky's county
49 Create a quilt, perhaps
50 "Moby Dick" setting
51 Conception
53 Civil rights movement theme song
61 Adm. Zacharias
62 Zoo section
63 Synthesizer man
64 Campfire treat
65 Rumple, with up
66 Bible book
67 Word with bath or beach
68 Spanish 101 term
69 Sparrow's snack

DOWN
1 Not plump
2 Choir voice
3 Oscar Madison, e.g.
4 Big top star
5 Cease and desist!
6 Emmy category
7 Figaro feature
8 Campus soldiers
9 "Magic ___ Ride"
10 Embellish
11 Indonesian resort
12 Town in eastern Kentucky
13 Pince-nez support
21 Cow catcher
22 ___ salts
25 Corkwood
26 Out of this world
27 Halfwit
29 Slot machine fruit
30 Kind of cube
31 Piggy bank's contents
32 A watched pot never boils
33 Look out ___!
35 Civil Rights, for one
37 Intimate apparel
39 Faithful
40 New Deal agcy.
41 Abalone eater
46 Cousin of 41 Down
47 Sell off
48 Texas oil city
50 Hobbit's home
52 Pinnacles
53 Shrine Game side
54 Lake ___, Minn.
55 Deliberate
56 Like Tiny Tim
57 Numbered work
58 Trickle
59 Oliver Twist's request
60 Holy mackerel!

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Avoid a disagreement with your friends over joint funds or shared fiscal projects. Put all of the facts in writing for clarity and periodic review.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Break away from the limitations or restrictions in a close personal relationship. Deal with issues of trust and free yourself to give love unconditionally.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Adopt a serious diet or exercise program and your efforts will soon be rewarded. Stay on track, go the extra mile and do not become discouraged.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Social issues are highlighted this week. Someone enters your life and stirs up some new and unusual feelings. Pay attention and learn a valuable lesson.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): A domestic situation will cause you to feel like you are coming apart at the emotional seams. Find it in your heart to forgive a misdeed and restore your peace of mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You can expect less than definitive news about a writing contest or creative project. All you can do now is keep your fingers crossed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Avoid thoughtless or careless spending this week. Stick to your budget and be prepared to take advantage of a future moneymaking opportunity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): You should be feeling really good about what your life is showing you. Take on the task of spreading a message of cheer, both far and near.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Work on completing your undertakings and laying the groundwork for new endeavors. With patience and planning, almost anything is possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Get excited about special plans or activities with friends or associates. Go along with the program, cooperate nicely and make a valuable contribution.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Turn your attention to the professional arena this week. Figure out how to quickly and effectively achieve your goals and ambitions.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Gather information from a variety of sources to help you make an important decision.

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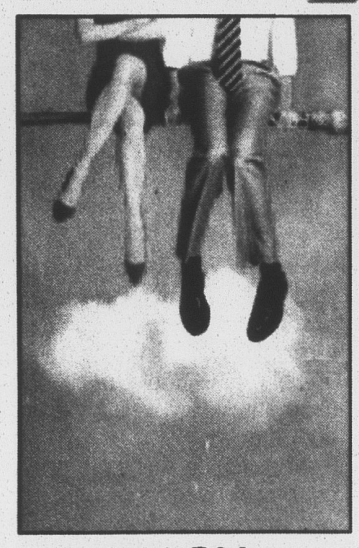
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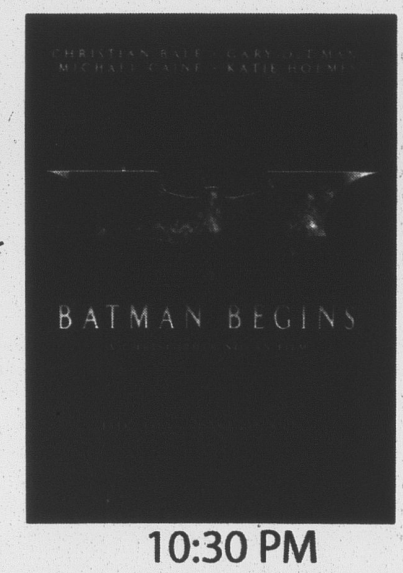

Friday 10:30 PM
Saturday 8:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 PM
All Weekend! HOMECOMING!
SATURDAY!
"Monte Carlo"
Poker, Black Jack, Roulette...
Come Out & Win Prizes
8:00pm Club Room/ Berlin Lounge
Late Night
Mon-Tue-Thurs
10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
The Club Room
MONDAY Night Football!
9:00 pm
Club Room
COMING SOON...
Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information
Sept. 30 Titan's Tavern
Oct. 7 Comic- Leighann Lord
Oct. 8 David Bailey Concert
Oct. 21 Jazz Concert
Oct. 22 Night Owl Bowling
Oct. 28 Rotaract Presents!
Oct.28 Titan's Tavern
Nov. 5 Night Owl Bowling
Nov. 11 Titan's Tavern
Nov. 19 Night Owl Bowling
Dec. 2 Titan's Tavern
Dec. 9 Comic- Dan Ahdoot
Dec. 10 Night Owl Bowling

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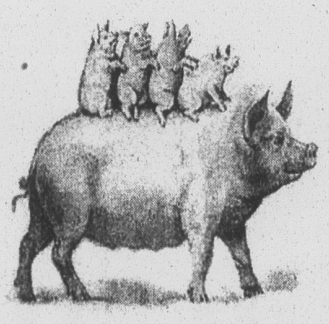
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Tunnel Vision

Amanda Hauger tunnels through some history

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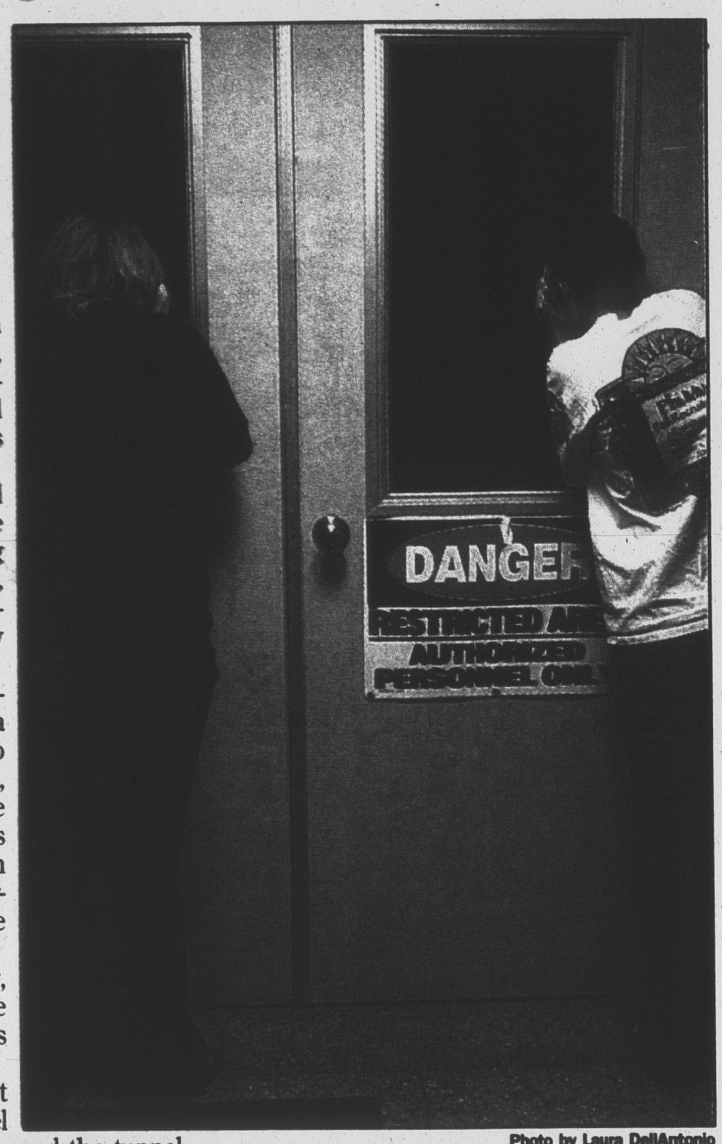
Features Editor



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Have you ever noticed in the middle of winter a long, narrow strip of bare grass running through the quad covered on each side by piles and piles of snow?

You probably have and thought to yourself, "What the heck?" But now after getting the history on this mystery, I, your trustworthy Features editor, will let you in on this savvy information.

Below the depths of Ferguson and Browne, there lies a tunnel which connects the two dormitories. This tunnel, which was built in 1941, the same year as Ferguson, is used as a steam tunnel. Steam lines run through the underground tunnel and provide heat and hot water.

"During the Cold War, emergency supplies were stored in the tunnel," says archivalist Dewey DeWitt.

According to physical plant crafts unit supervisor Michael Cosgrove, years ago, students used the tunnel to get to the dining hall, especially during cold and snowy weather. They would walk from Ferguson to Browne underground and then exit through the back door to the dining hall.

I've heard numerous alumni speaking of the tunnel, recalling the days they used to wander through it freely.

"Everybody loved the tunnell that connected Browne and Ferguson," said Jane Lauer, a 1973 alumna. "You didn't have to go out at night to get to meals in the dining room, you could just go back and forth. It was a total convenience. We didn't have to wear winter coats or deal with rain."

However, the days of students traveling underground are over; the tunnel is permanently closed, at least that is the official statement from the college.

Cosgrove explains why the once opened tunnel is now closed. "The tunnel was closed around seven years ago for safety reasons," he said. "It is considered a confined space and the design isn't ideal for regular travel."

Furthermore, there is a danger of getting burned by the steam lines. Maintenance enters the tunnel annually to check the steam lines, to change lights, and to occasionally pump water out, but student entrance is strictly forbidden.

Despite the fact that the tunnel is now barricaded, Associate Dean of Student Affairs John Lechner says student have jimmied the lock a few times in the past to sneak into that wondrous passage, citing that maintenance has found lots of graffiti throughout it.

Students often spread stories that a girl killed herself in the tunnel and that it is now haunted, but Lechner says that just isn't true.

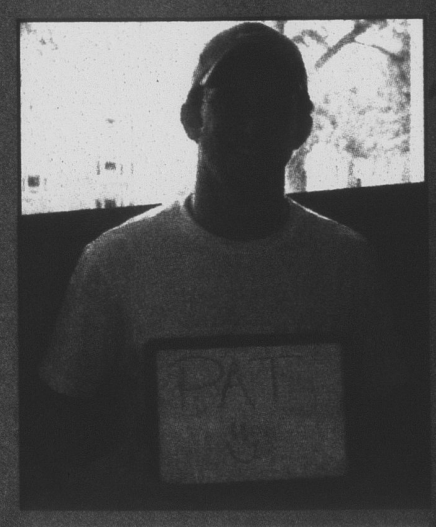
Any sorority member trucking down to their chapter room has seen the beginnings of the tunnel and their reflection in the eery glass door. Bright paintings of sorority letters and mascots cover the walls until the tunnel takes a turn to the left and one's eye can no longer see the dark abyss.

Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major. She will be starting a weekly advice column. If you have a question or need some helpful advice on anything from relationships to hair trauma and anything in between, drop Amanda an email at haugeral@westminster.edu. All names will be kept anonymous.

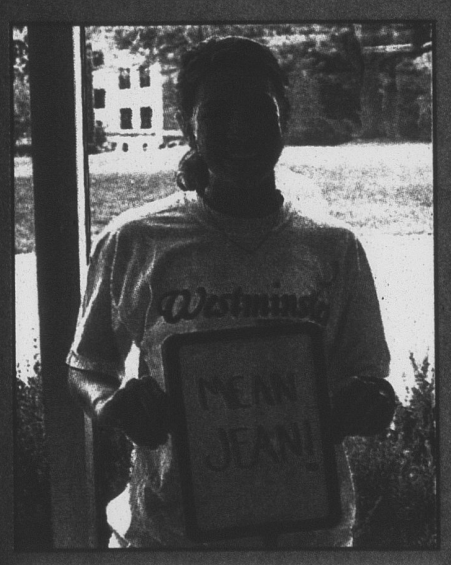
Question of the Week:

Who is your favorite Tub worker?

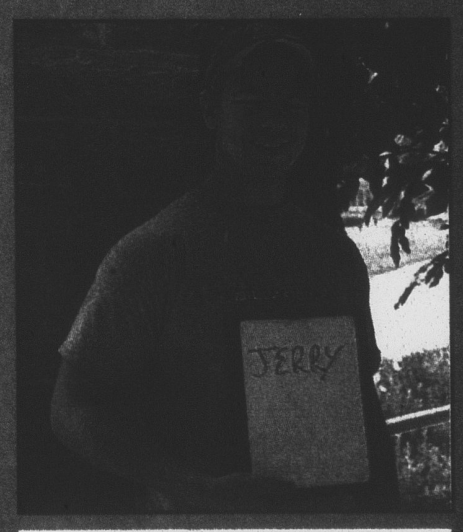
Kait Etzel-Hardman, sophomore



Joe Thomas, senior



Allie Ginnetti, sophomore



Doug Kunst, sophomore

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Q & A with one lucky student

Titan Eye Candy

One 5th year senior takes us into her world

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Triple major, a world traveler, and grandchild to nature conservationist John Muir.

These phrases are what best describe fifth year senior and State College native Maggie Muir.

Maggie can be seen all over campus whether she is involved in the latest Westminster Theater production, which she is, participating in her sorority, or running cross country.

Her triple majors are Spanish, theater, and music, in no particular order.

Questioning why she chose so many majors to study, she replied, "Because I didn't know what I wanted to do."

And guess what: she still doesn't know.

Despite trips to Spain, Portugal, Italy, and others, as well as being involved in "The Count of Monte Crisco", "The 12th Knight", "The Detective Story," and her first acting debut at Westminster in "The Crucible", Maggie is still uncertain about her future.

One thing she is sure about is that she has never eaten a Twinkie in her life although they have a shelf life of up to 50 years, or so I'm told.

Maggie's single in Browne was difficult to find (as it was only my second time in Browne) and quite cozy despite her protests that she hasn't quite fully moved in yet and her mother is still bringing up more things.

Her pink sparkly ballet flats are tucked neatly in her plastic shoe rack and her stuffed Eeyore is right by her pillow.

One thing she is sure about is that she has never eaten a Twinkie in her life, although they have a shelf life of up to 50 years, or so I'm told.

In between discussing Candies shoes and Lancôme bags, I learned that Maggie is related to the late John Muir, best friend to Teddy Roosevelt, and nature conservationist.

According to Maggie, John Muir saved the redwoods in California, convinced Teddy Roosevelt to forget his secret service for a weekend and join him camping in the woods, and appears on the new California state quarters.

John Muir isn't mentioned at family functions much, although Maggie's father gets quite nostalgic when referring to him. "We actually like my mom's side of the family better," Maggie said.

She plans on pursuing a career in Broadway; even if only to say that she gave it a shot. But don't expect Maggie to stay in one place for too long.

We might just catch up with her skiing in the Alps, running through the streets of Morocco, or trying to beat her best record of 63 wings in the all-you-can-eat wing contest at Quaker Steak and Lube.

After this interview, I know one thing for sure: Maggie Muir is definitely going places.

Who wears the pants in the family?

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

Today it seems that everyone wears the pants in the family. More accurately, everyone wears the world's most popular pants - denim blue jeans.

Jeans have become universal and are no longer just for hippies and cowboys. Now they come in all brands, styles, washes, and textures. They have also taken on new shapes from purses to furniture coverings.

Blue Jeans have had a long journey from miners to rebels to your parents. Today they are as popular as any kind of other pant and are seen back where they belong - on the catwalk of Dior, Gucci, and my new favorite, Juicy Couture.

This does not mean that denim is worn well by everyone, though.

My advice is this: spend your cash wisely on one nice pair of designer jeans. It is important to find the perfect fit, and high labels have usually constructed their jeans just to do so. If you don't want to spend your life's fortune on one pair of jeans, try retail stores such as Gabriel Brothers in Pittsburgh and Boardman, Ohio, or T.J. Maxx, which is conveniently located in Hermitage.

Make sure you try on your jeans, and leave room for shrinking. Most denim now includes polyester, lycra, and a special bonding of a 100% nylon net.

If you have a little extra cash to spend this month, try Pittsburgh Jean Company. They have name brands such as Blue Marlin, Paper Denim, Ella Moss, and See by Chloe.

You also have the option of getting a pair customized. Pittsburgh Jean Company can help you with that task, as can target.com. This site helps you customize a pair by Mossimo for only $37.

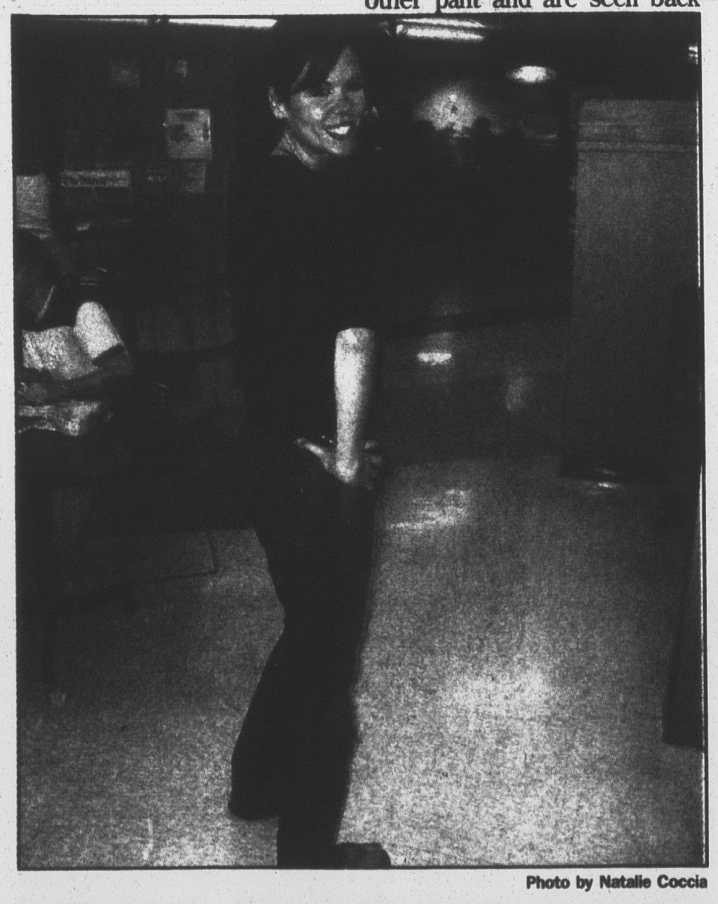

Photo by Natalie Coccia

Liz Farry, junior, models Gap ultra low rise blue jeans in extra-long. She got them on sale for $20 before the start of the school year.

Natalie Coccia is a junior media art major/PR minor despite the fact that she has not taken time to declare either at the registrar. As of now, she is struggling with her love-hate relationship with Myspace.

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On a bridge, down by the river

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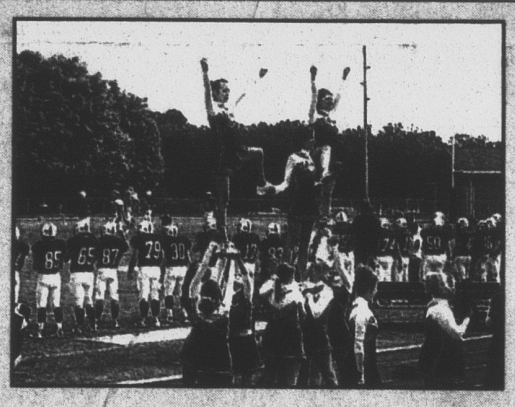

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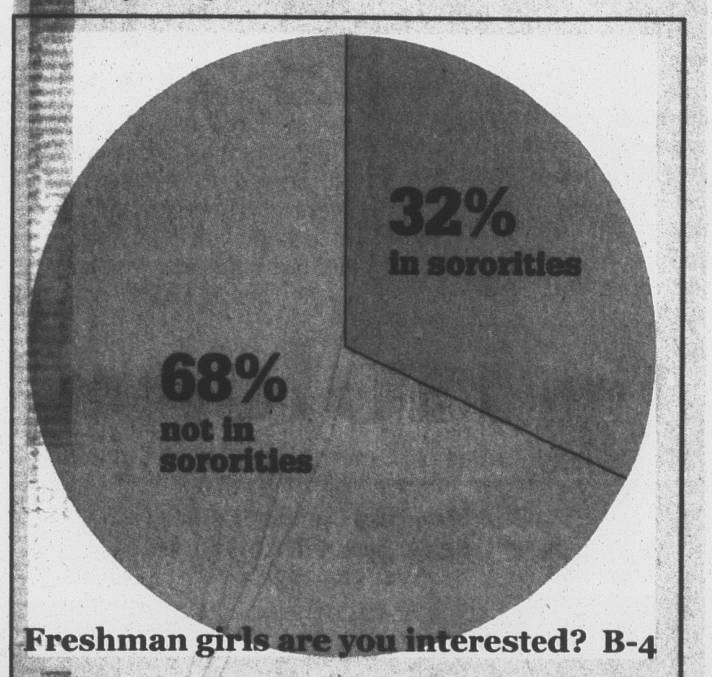
Campus statistic of the week

Sorority 2005 Numbers



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Weekend Weather from the National Weather Service

Friday: Mostly sunny and pleasant, 55/50
Saturday: Sunshine and nice, 53/54
Sunday: Sunshine and patchy clouds, 53/54

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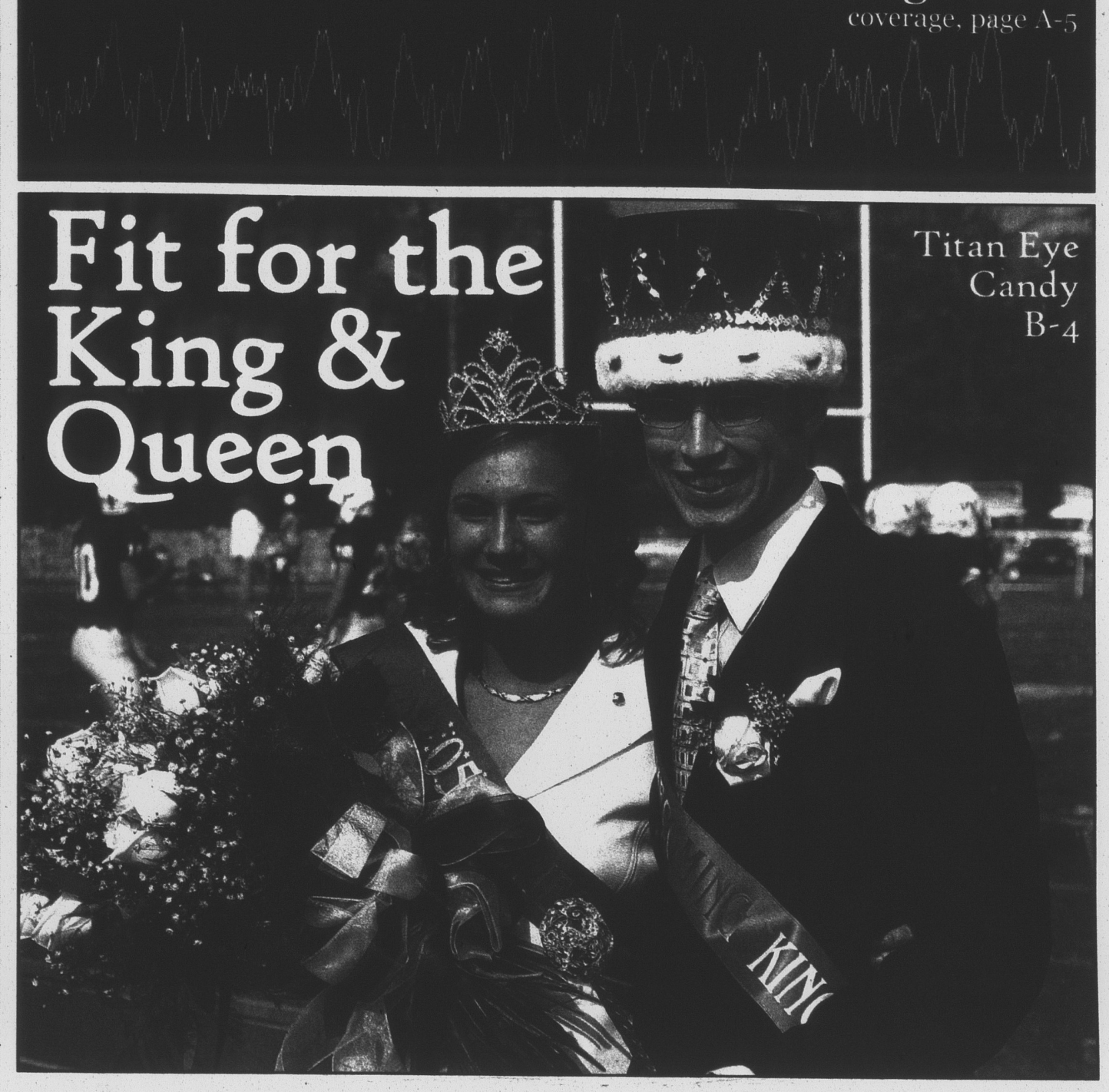

Fit for the King & Queen

Titan Eye Candy

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Zeta Tau Alpha sister Tiffany Smith and Theta Chi brother Lee Scott were crowned Queen and King, respectively, at this year's Homecoming festivities.

Tickets provoke controversy

Misunderstanding of Celebrity Series free ticket policy riles students

By Amanda Hauger
Campus Writer

Each year, some type of controversy is conjured up with the Celebrity Series performances, and this year has proven to be no different.

Rumors emerged that the coveted free student tickets to shows were being cancelled, but series director Gene DeCaprio says that is just not true. An estimated 30 tickets are typically given out to students for every show, supported partially by a grant from the Caroline Knox Memorial Trust Fund. That tradition will continue this year.

"Tickets are still available to students this year. However, the seating and ticket availability varies by show," DeCaprio said.

The controversy started when students from the music department showed interest in the popular drum corps show "BLAST!." Since the band is buying 50-60 tickets to the show, DeCaprio felt it would not be right to charge some students for tickets while letting others attend the show for free. The series was unable to offer such a large amount of free tickets, so the department will be charged a special discount rate of $25 per ticket. No free student tickets will be given out for "BLAST!."

According to band director R. Tad Greig, the series contacted him over the summer and asked if the band would be interested in seeing "BLAST!." While Greig said he is glad the band has the opportunity to see the group, he wishes more students could see it as well.

"Although I'm not clear on the common policy and prices of the show, I would ideally like these things to be offered to the students for little to no cost," Greig said.

While this would be ideal for students, DeCaprio explains that it is just not possible.

"Celebrity Series pays for and funds the show on its own," he said. "Money does not come out of the college budget, and no student money is used to fund the shows."

According to DeCaprio, this is not the first time that the series has offered a group discount.

"We've offered the same discount to the dance studio and the choir. If a group on campus has direct relevance to a particular show, we will offer the group rate to them," he said.

Although the Series is unable to give out free student tickets to "BLAST!," a vast number of tickets were available for "42nd Street," which kicked off the series this past Tuesday, September 27, in Orr Auditorium.

"Because of the high demand for tickets to "42nd Street," we distributed over 130 tickets to students," DeCaprio said. "We gave out more free tickets to "42nd Street" than any other show in the history of the series."

This year's line-up for the series includes five other shows, including "Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder" on October 14, "BLAST!" on November 18, "The Spirit of Christmas" on November 30,

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SGA pulls out all the stops

Free food, golf cart rides and prizes create campus unity

By Serah Stauffer
Campus Writer

The Student Government Association's annual SGA Day will be today providing students with free food, prizes and rides to faraway classes.

Activities run from 8 to 4 and include coffee and donuts at breakfast as well as soft pretzels at lunch. Weather permitting, the food table will be set up outside McKelvey on the Galbreath side.

If it rains, the table will be in the front lobby of Orr Auditorium.

During the day, SGA officers will de driving golf carts around campus, offering students a ride to classes or activities. This has been a big hit with those living in Hillside or Jeffers dorms because of the distance they have to hike to the main campus.

Sophomore Leanna Stitt remembered her days up on the hill and how the golf carts were welcome transportation. "It was nice whenever I lived up in Jeffers," Stitt said.

But some students aren't so enthusiastic about the carts ruling the sidewalks.

Senior Dina Linn said "[The carts] have narrowly missed running me over numerous times." Other logical students observe that it wastes gas. For opinions such as these, SGA will provide a place to write comments about the organizations activities and events.

Joelle Wells, the day's event planner, told students to "look for [the] SGA senators in our new long-sleeved gray T-shirts" if they have questions during the day. Wells said there's nothing really new this year about the way SGA has organized the day so students will get what they expect: free food and free rides! There will be some prizes awarded to students in a slightly different approach from last year.

SGA Day has always proven to be a good time. "The atmosphere on campus [during SGA Day] is very friendly and it's nice to see students having fun", Kim Duschek observed. Hopefully this year will be even better.

opinions/editorials

Our View

Two weeks ago, *The Holcad* landed one of those ever- illusive easy, significant and compelling stories.

In early September, a famous Westminster alumnus who receives plenty of national press allegedly called a collegiate Greek-related contemporary to inform her of a visit—and an appearance that the celebrity would make on a supposed Homecoming float. Now, whether the alumnus asked permission of media contractors, or informed the national office or college chapter of the Greek organization or the school of her visit is both beyond the our knowledge and outside the scope of this piece. Word of her visit leaked precipitously.

The Holcad, like any industrious journalistic outlet, immediately snatched it up and was in a position to break the story. We paginated the September 16 edition to contain this story, chiefly highlighting the celebrity's wish to maintain anonymity during her campus-respite. We also detailed what alumni relations and security would do to comfort any of the celebrity's fears.

We had clout; we received confirmation from the Greek organization's president about this visit. The interview is tape recorded.

But on that beautiful 80 degree weather Thursday, *The Holcad* received word from several of this celebrity's "Deep Throats" that, if we ran the story, we would violate this celebrity's "appearance contract;" therefore, the celebrity wouldn't materialize and we'd receive a deluge of nasty looks, snide remarks and threats to be literally "beaten up."

We confirmed with The National Collegiate Newspapers Association, Jim Raykie, editor of the Sharon Herald, Bradley Weaver, broadcast instructor, and Mark Meighen, director of marketing, as well as Jenny Hoff, graduate of Missouri School of Journalism, that, in no way could *The Holcad* or even the school be sued if we ran the article.

After much deliberation and thought, we decided against running the article on the grounds that it was not timely. We informed those "Deep Throats" of our decision.

But, later that evening, directly after these talks expired, more students continued storming our office instilling fear, threats, and verbal assault on our editing staff.

Last year, a similar issue arose when a member of the student body was arrested. The student threatened a member of our editing staff over an article detailing the charges against him. The decision was made to not run the article because the numerous local papers that had already picked up the story before *The Holcad* went to press.

The Holcad cannot and will not be bullied into running or not running an article, picture, advertisement, or other content. If an issue arises, we are always open to the thoughts of our readers and will listen to polite, adult conversation. As always, we allow and will, space permitting, publish well-written Letters to the Editor regarding any of our content.

Letters to the Editor

History, German, the Liberal Arts in the 21st Century

According to the 2002-2003 Undergraduate Catalog, the purpose of capstone is to "evaluate and assess the strengths and limitations of [the student's] major field." As I continue work on my senior paper and start to apply to graduate schools, one limitation of my training is the inability to take German, which is prominent in historical research and archaeological studies. Although the German received at the undergraduate level would be insufficient for research purposes, it would allow any history major to show admissions committees and employers sincere interest in academic research.

So eighty some history majors might benefit from bringing German back…so what? It might interest you that German is the most commonly spoken language within the European Union and is also the second most commonly used scientific language. More importantly, Germany is the largest exporter in the world and has many important corporations. These are just a few examples of German's ever increasing importance in global affairs.

The freshmen might wonder why Westminster does not have a complete German program. Well, two years ago German began to be phased out, following the retirement of Dr. Erhardt, despite the protest of faculty, alumni, and students alike. The administration did not feel the small enrollment in the program warranted a full-time position. They decided to diminish the size of the program only to fulfill the language requirement for those with previous knowledge of German.

No matter what your major is, the inability to take German is a "limitation" to the scope of your field. Without a German program, can the college claim to prepare students for "life-long learning and the acquisition of skills for careers and responsible service as world citizens," when its students cannot take a language that is so prominent in world affairs? How can Westminster follow in the liberal arts tradition of a "continually designed [curriculum] to serve the mission in a rapidly changing world," without offering and encouraging the education of the German language? Yes, the college can cut costs by charging students for printing, cutting the number of student jobs and availability of them, etc., but can we afford the loss of German from a curriculum aimed at meeting the needs of the 21st century?

Ray C. Walling
Senior, History

**Data in the second paragraph is from http://www.goethe.de/ins/de/ler/deu/enindex.htm*

Homecoming article irks one sorority sister

As excited as I am every week to read the Holcad, I've never been as disappointed as I was this past week. Not only were there many typos, but also a very opinionated article that drove a wedge between the independent and Greek communities. The article, that ultimately knocked Greek life, was written by someone outside the Greek community who cannot even begin to appreciate what it's like to be a part of such a great group of organizations.

The article I'm referring to is titled "Homecoming Parade: Greeks, independents finally float together." The article was not only written without facts, but also very offensive. Let's begin with some incorrect facts. The Black Student Union modeled their float not after the theme *Name that Tune*, but *Where in the World is Carmen San Diego*? Also, Greek organizations didn't have any unfair advantage to build their floats. Everyone had the same time frame to put the float together. The biggest mistake in the article deals with the theme of the Alpha Gamma Delta float. First, *The Price is Right* was never even suggested as a theme for the Alpha Gam float, so the author might want to check her sources. The original plans were to do *Family Feud*. It was not until after the sorority noticed Phi Mu was doing *The Bachelor* (a reality TV show) that some members of Alpha Gamma Delta decided to switch to *Survivor*. Many members of the sorority didn't know the change was made because Amber's appearance was to be a surprise to everyone except the few girls who knew. So, if the article implied that members of the sorority were lying about not knowing the theme that is an inaccurate assumption.

I also thoroughly enjoyed where the author referred to *Survivor* as "a massive debasement of television and entertainment in general." Although I respect the author's opinion, I wasn't aware that Siskel and Ebert were doing an article in the Holcad, especially within an article about facts and not opinion.

Overall, I feel the author seemed more concerned with knocking Greek life than getting her facts straight. It is fine to tell a story with facts, but don't write an offensive article based on incorrect information and uninformed opinions.

Here's hoping for more accuracy in the future. Next time, please don't rain on my parade.

Kirstan Gides
Alpha Gamma Delta sister

Holcad co-editor gives sound advice

Colin Dean
Co-editor-in-chief

Hearing is man's strongest and most important sense. It's the one sense that most simple ailments rarely affect, unlike smell and taste. It's also generally unaffected by the conditions of our surroundings, like sight and touch.

Everything that moves makes a sound. That clickity-clack inside your computer as you load a program isn't your fan, and it isn't an audible noise the computer makes 'cause it's "thinking"— it's the sound of your hard drive spinning to the point on the physical disk in which your music, movie, homework or game turns from bits and bytes into something interactive.

We're surrounded by sound. As I write this, three outstanding sounds tease my ear: my roommate playing a video game on his computer, the massive box fan blowing on my windowsill and the gentle click as my fingers trace the keys of my tiny laptop.

Only from past memories do I know that there are more sounds layered throughout this room. The fan on my big laptop is boisterous when in use, but the sound from my little laptop, now, nearly inaudible. I'm aware of my roommate's computer; I built his machine, using fans as silent as money can buy (we do attempt sleep occasionally). But every now and again, I tune into some Green Day or rap music pouring from down the hall or the soft electric hiss of my refrigerator.

Lying awake in bed, something I've done a lot lately, I hear lots of other sounds. I often hear ladies outside walking back to their dorm or gentlemen returning from a late-night poker game. I hear my leaky shower head and eventually the full blast of the shower when someone in my suite is using it.

Every now and then, there's everyone's favorite late night/early morning sound: the fire alarm. Fortunately, the slumber of Eichenauer residents hasn't been interrupted by one of these lovely displays indicating Security's readiness to evacuate in the event of a fire or the RD's anger/rage towards a hall for demolished doors, windows or other often-vandalized fixtures.

There is one source of sound that most people find more annoying than any early morning fire alarm, late-night walkers and suitemate showers, or overzealous fan: neighboring rooms.

About one third of the rooms on campus have rooms both above and below, as well as to the left and right. The other two thirds enjoy the lack of a vertically neighboring room, obviously depending on the floor.

Keep your neighbors in mind when you're moving furniture, playing some late-night rugby, jamming to anything from Bob Marley to Megadeth, having with ulterior motives in mind when company spends the night, River-dancing, or stomping on the floor to show your appreciation for Jon Stewart or even stomping on the floor with no apparent reason other than for your own fun and pleasure.

While some students certainly have an appreciation for the finer arts of room arrangement, not one of them wants to hear you when they'd rather be dreaming of how to execute their own ulterior motives. Most students also don't mind the occasional Marley or Aqua tune, but I assure you: you won't be able to move, much less shoot the sheriff, after your new crush Barbie's boyfriend Ken from the first floor is done with you at three o'clock in the morning.

If Jon Stewart lived on campus, he would send Lewis Black after you. Black would stomp on your ego once Ken's done with your face. Then Jon would put it all on TV so the entire campus could mock you.

In a perfect world, or at least the perfect dorm, the walls would be entirely soundproof. However, this is definitely not the perfect campus.

Use the daylight hours to loft beds and practice up for Dance Theatre. Consider the wonders of the great outdoors for the next location of your daily rugby game. Keep your volume down or put on some headphones. Find other ways to laud *The Daily Show* (laughing is a good start, no "rofl"-ing).

When doing things late at night or early in the morning, respect those around you and stay as silent as possible. We'll all be happier that way.

Colin is a junior computer science major and writing minor with a penchant for journalism. He can often be found in his room jamming to Marley or attempting to imitate the screeching voice of Justin Hawkins while eating Giant Eagle sushi.

Only satisfied students will become generous alumni

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

Another Homecoming has come and gone. The campus is settling down once again, and everything is proceeding like none of it ever happened. Students are going back to large amounts of homework, and alumni are slowly retreating back into the woods from whence they came. The campus is returning to normal, and it is completely unchanged. Well, except for the newly-elected Homecoming King and Queen… which confuses me, since I don't recall living in a kingdom. Nor do I remember anyone voting for kings and queens of a kingdom. Perplexing.

Festivities aside, I had one major problem with this weekend. The alumni were everywhere. Let me say that again so that you get it: Everywhere. They were in the campus center, they were running amok in the streets, and I have heard stories of them trying to pick up freshman girls. It's creepy if you ask me. But then again, no one did.

This was the first homecoming in which I was a truly active participant. I don't count the years that I was in the marching band. You're not really "active" in homecoming if all you're doing is the same stuff you'd do on a typical game day anyway. Well, plus the parade. Anyway, I digress. The point is that for the first time in four years, I stepped outside of my room on homecoming and took a look around. I guess that's why I never noticed all of the alumni running around, and I also never noticed that they were drunk.

Westminster is supposedly a "dry campus." It has been this way for a long, long time. A very long time. As in, while these alumni still went here. If they were just running around campus like that it would have been all right. They are, after all, more than old enough to partake in such events. However, they were in school buildings while under the influence, which even

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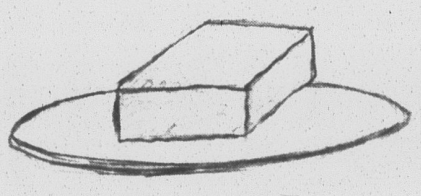

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However, the amount that students are getting screwed is factual.

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Westminster Outside the Bubble

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DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Old Titan Rivalry Renewed

The Titan rivalry with Beaver Falls based Geneva College will return as the President's Athletic Conference has announced the Golden Tornados have joined the PAC. The announcment means Geneva becomes the ninth member of the conference.

PA Legislator Pay Raise Protest

Nearly 1500 protestors marched on the Capitol steps in Harrisburg Monday demanding a repeal of the state lawmaker pay raise approved this summer. The "Rock the Capitol" protest coincided with the opening session of the fall legislative session. Protestors want lawmakers to repeal, repay or resign in the wake of approving their own hefty pay raises. Some lawmakers like Lawrence County Representative Frank LaGrotta and Mercer County's State Senator Bob Robbins defend the pay hike. They say they're good at their jobs, work around the clock and deserve the compensation.

Homecoming "Survivor"

Westminster's 2005 Homecoming Parade included an impromptu, guest appearance from reality TV star Amber Brkich. The 2000 WC grad and million dollar winner of Survivor hitched a ride with her Alpha Gamma Delta sorority sisters. Amber's friends say she came back for this year's festivities to support her hometown friend Leslie Higgins in the homecoming court.

Weaver's WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1). Identify the Republican member of the House of Representatives indicted this week in his home state on charges of violating campaign-finance laws?
A. Tom DeLay
B. John McCain
C. Dennis Hastert
D. Eddie Compass
E. Roy Blunt

2). Why did Governor Rendell call for a special legislative session to begin on Wednesday?
A.To repeal the legislative pay raise passed last summer.
B. To address property tax reform.
C. To approve casino gambling in Pennsylvania.
D. To raise the minimum wage.
E. To address legislation calling for Pennsylvania public schools to teach intelligent design.

3). Identify the local school the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) announced this week as the ninth member of the conference.
A. Seton Hill University
B. Point Park University
C. Geneva College
D. Bethany College
E. La Roche College

4). Which Westminster alum visited campus last weekend to support a hometown friend's role in the homecoming court?
A. Monster.com CEO Andrew McKelvey
B. Alias star Jennifer Garner
C. Survivor Allstars winner Amber Brkich
D. Actress Mandy Moore
E. Will & Grace producer Tim Kaiser

5). Who did former FEMA Director Michael Brown blame for the poor federal response to Hurricane Katrina when he went before Congress this week?
A. himself
B. determinism
C. Louisiana's Governor Kathlene Blanco & New Orleans Ray Nagan
D. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff
E. Army Pfc. Lynndie England

6). Identify the musical group that rolled into Pittsburgh this week to play PNC Park.
A. U2
B. The Rolling Stones
C. Phish
D. Green Day
E. Bon Jovi

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Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations instructor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with dubious current event quizzes.

REGIONAL

Evolution Debate

Witness in Pennsylvania 'intelligent design' trial says school board ignored science teachers' protests

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - A former physics teacher testified that his rural school board ignored faculty protests before deciding to introduce the theory of "intelligent design" to high school students.

"I saw a district in which teachers were not respected for their professional expertise," Bryan Rehm, a former teacher at Dover High School, said Tuesday.

Rehm, who now teaches in another district, is a plaintiff in the nation's first trial over whether public schools can teach "intelligent design."

Eight Dover families are trying to have the controversial theory removed from the curriculum, arguing that it violates the constitutional separation of church and state. They say it effectively promotes the Bible's view of creation.

Proponents of intelligent design argue that life on Earth was the product of an unidentified intelligent force, and that Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection cannot fully explain the origin of life or the emergence of highly complex life forms.

Aralene "Barrie" Callahan, a former member of the Dover school board and another plaintiff in the case, said that at least two board members made statements during meetings that made her believe the new policy was religiously based.

At a retreat in March 2003, a board member "expressed he did not believe in evolution and if evolution was part of the biology curriculum, creationism had to be shared 50-50," Callahan testified.

At a school board meeting in June 2004, when she was no longer on the board, Callahan recalled another board member complaining that a biology book recommended by the administration was "laced with Darwinism."

"They were pretty much downplaying evolution as something that was credible," she said.

In October 2004, the board voted 6-3 to require teachers to read a brief statement about intelligent design to students before classes on evolution. The statement says Darwin's theory is "not a fact" and has inexplicable "gaps," and refers students to an intelligent-design textbook for more information.

In a separate development Tuesday, two freelance newspaper reporters who covered the school board in June 2004 both invoked their First Amendment rights and declined to provide a deposition to lawyers for the school district.

Both are expected in court Wednesday to respond to a subpoena to testify at trial, said Niles Benn, a lawyer for the papers. Lawyers for the school district have questioned the accuracy of articles in which the reporters wrote that board members discussed creationism during public meetings.

In other testimony Tuesday, plaintiff Tammy Kitzmiller said that in January, her younger daughter opted out of hearing the statement _ an option given all students _ putting her in an awkward position.

"My 14-year-old daughter had to make the choice between staying in the classroom and being confused ... or she had to be singled out and face the possible ridicule of her friends and classmates," she said.

The Dover Area School District, which serves about 3,500 students, is believed to be the nation's first school system to mandate that students be exposed to the intelligent design concept. It argues it is not endorsing any religious view and only letting students know there are differences of opinion about evolution.

The non-jury trial is expected to take five weeks.

NATIONAL

Dueling joust leads to charges

Formal Duel Charges rare but existing in the 21st century

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP) - Five years into the 21st century, an 1846 anti-dueling law is being used to prosecute two cousins accused of getting in a knife fight.

"The 1800s are alive and well in Mount Clemens," joked Dean Alan, who heads the Macomb County prosecutor's office warrants division. It issued warrants Tuesday.

Police say the cousins, ages 19 and 31, disagreed Monday over a $30 debt.

The older man brandished a knife and challenged the younger man to fight outside their Mount Clemens home, and the younger man accepted, said Sheriff Mark Hackel. The teen was stabbed in the stomach.

"He could've done any number of things," Hackel said. "He could've called police, he could've fled the area. But he took on the challenge and became part of the problem."

A lawyer specializing in criminal defense said he has never represented anyone charged with dueling but said lawyers for both men could use the same strategy _ claiming self-defense.

"If it's a mutual fight, it's kind of hard to say it's one guy's fault," said Stephen Rabaut. "And just because you're the injured party, that doesn't mean you were the good guy."

INTERNATIONAL

Squid-Vision

Japanese scientists photograph giant squid live in the wild for the first time- A huge breakthrough

TOKYO (AP) - When a nearly 20-foot long tentacle was hauled aboard his research ship, Tsunemi Kubodera knew he had something big. Then it began sucking on his hands. But what came next excited him most _ hundreds of photos of a purplish-red sea monster doing battle 3,000 feet deep.

It was a rare giant squid, a creature that until then had eluded observation in the wild.

Kubodera's team captured photos of the 26-foot-long beast attacking its bait, then struggling for more than four hours to get free. The squid pulled so hard on the line baited with shrimp that it severed one of its own tentacles.

"It was quite an experience to feel the still-functioning tentacle on my hand," Kubodera, a researcher with Japan's National Science Museum, told The Associated Press. "But the photos were even better."

For centuries giant squids, formally called Architeuthis, have been the stuff of legends, appearing in the myths of ancient Greece or attacking a submarine in Jules Verne's "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." But they had never been seen in their natural habitat, only caught in fishing nets or washed ashore dead or dying.

The Japanese team, capping a three-year effort, filmed the creature in September of last year, finding what one researcher called "the holy grail" of deep-sea animals.

The results were not announced until this week, when they were published in Wednesday's issue of the British journal, the Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences. Kyoichi Mori, of the Ogasawara Whale Watching Association, co-authored the study.

Giant squid are the world's largest invertebrates, having been known to exceed 50 feet. Kubodera said the one he caught on camera was probably an adult female. He said the squid's tentacle would not grow back, but its life was not in danger.

The photos earned the team cheers from researchers around the world, largely because of the difficulty of finding the mysterious giant.

"That's getting footage of a real sea monster," said Randy Kochevar, a deep-sea biologist with the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California. "Nobody has been able to observe a large giant squid where it lives. There are people who said it would never be done. It's really an incredible accomplishment."

The photos _ taken with strobe lights at 30-second intervals _ also shed some new light on the animal's behavior.

"We think it is a much more active predator than was previously thought," Kubodera said Wednesday. "It had previously been seen as more lethargic, and not as strong."

In the pictures, the squid's tentacles can be seen stretching out toward the bait, grasping it and pulling away in a ball. It is then seen struggling to get itself free of the jig attached to the line under the remote-controlled camera. The struggle took place at a depth of between 2,000-3,000 feet.

Kudodera said catching the squid on film was the result of 10 years of sleuthing.

He added that he had some help _ from a population of sperm whales.

"We knew that they fed on the squid, and we knew when and how deep they dived," he said. "So we used them to lead us to the squid."

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Campus News

Photo by Nawal Rajeh

Jonathan Moser sits at the piano in his office with his violin. Moser is the new director of the college's orchestra.

Stringing them along

Moser takes reigns as new orchestra director

By Allison Houser
Campus Writer

This semester, the music department welcomed a new face to its faculty. Mr. Jonathan Moser has been named the college's new orchestra director.

Moser answered an advertisement in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette this summer, and then auditioned for Dr. Nancy Zipay DeSalvo, Dr. R. Tad Greig, and Dr. Beth Harrison. His primary instruments are the violin and the viola. Moser comes to his new position with enthusiasm and energy.

"I come with the attitude of a performer," Moser said.

In addition to his new role as orchestra director, Moser has four private students on the violin and the viola. He also gives lessons at Grove City College. In addition, he has a contract with the Erie Philharmonic on the violin and a subcontract with the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra on the viola.

Moser said he is really enjoying the college and his new students.

"I was excited to work with them and they showed potential and interest," he said.

His orchestra students believe the Moser is an asset to the music department.

"He is young and can bring fresh new ideas to the department," sophomore clarinet player Jenna Diorio said.

Moser is also increasing the level of expectation for his students.

"At first I thought that the music he selected was too difficult for us, but after a few rehearsals, he really helped us step up to the learning curve. Now we sound much more musical and professional," Diorio said.

As another new change, the orchestra will be performing two concerts per semester instead of one. The first will be October 20, and the other will be a Christmas concert in December.

The orchestra's pieces for its first concert are Symphony No. 2 "Romantic" by Howard Hanson and "Pavane for a Dead Princess" by Maurice Ravel.

"I love the music he's chosen. It's great orchestra repertoire. Both are beautiful pieces of music. They're fun to perform, and I think the audience will enjoy listening to them," sernior oboe player Shelly Culver said.

His students also believe that he runs a very tight and efficient rehearsal.

"This year schedules were posted in the music department telling orchestra members which pieces will be gone over at each rehearsal. If a person doesn't play on that particular piece or movement, he or she doesn't need to come to rehearsal," sophomore flutist Amber Kunder said.

Moser comes to the college with an extensive music education background. He has a bachelor's degree in music from Shenandoah University with prior studies at the University of the Pacific and the Harid Conservatory. He also received his master's degree from Arizona State University in violin concert performance.

Moser currently resides in the Crafton Heights area of Pittsburgh.

Historical biology bridge connects campus

By Christine Line
Campus Writer

This year students are enjoying the historical bridge in the outdoor biology lab area by continuing other students' traditions that began shortly after its construction in 1983.

Although biology, art, and English classes have used the bridge for many years, students have found other uses for the bridge as well. Jumping off the bridge and into the creek has become a tradition that students continue each year. Clarence Harms, director of the field station, remembers the tradition as starting in the spring semester of 1997.

"My lab assistant and I dared each other to jump off the bridge at the end of the class," Harms said. "It's become a ritual-jumping into the creek after the class. So has students jumping in when they spend time out there."

According to Harms, students would benefit greatly by spending leisure time out by the bridge.

"Writing poetry, drawing, or even just sitting out there is exactly what a liberal arts education should be like," he said.

Harms and others in the biology department built the green bridge from scratch in a rather unusual way. First they used materials from an industrial building in Youngstown, Ohio. Then the group moved them across a wooden scaffold supported by tractors on either side of the creek. Harms said they built the bridge in order to make the field station accessible from campus. The field station spans 46 acres, and the biology department takes lab groups there frequently.

In addition to the classes, several students branched out last year by exploring different parts of the area. They found a tree close to the bridge with deep water directly below it.

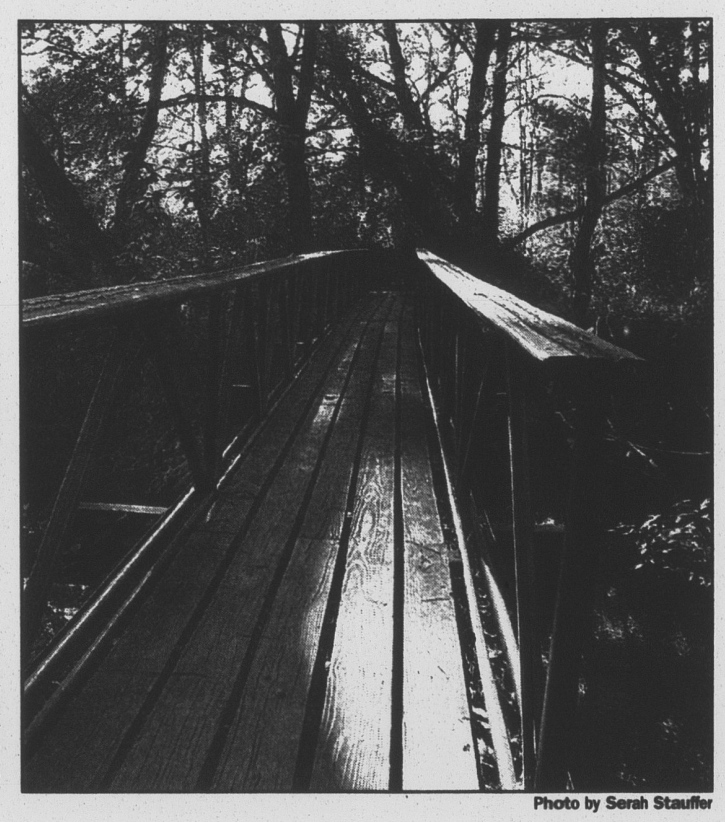
"We could walk across this tree branch and jump into an area that was at least 5 feet deep," sophomore Dan O'Keefe said. "We came back this year, and we still go out there and jump into the water."

Freshman Carl Frey used the deep water to do more than just jump.

"Front flips. All I can say is front flips," Frey said.

The bridge is part of the Lucile Frey Nature Trail, which endured some vandalism at the end of last year. Two floods also threatened the bridge, but it survived and remains safe and strong. Harms said the bridge is important for the field station and that it's great to have such a unique and historical bridge.

"We've raised almost $800,000, which helps us take care of the area and add new things," he said. "We like that people take advantage of the area, even with things like jumping off the bridge."



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Alumni

Current students are worth more than alumni

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The school cares a lot more about the alumni than the students. They give them free reign on their location with the hope that they'll send a hefty check our way.

students who are 21 can't do. I realized something was amiss. Where was the security team cracking down to protect our image as a good campus? Why had they abandoned sobriety in its hour of need?

The answer is simple.

The school cares a lot more about the alumni than the students. They give them free reign on their location with the hope that they'll send a hefty check our way.

On Saturday, I woke up bright and early so I could participate in the events.

I figured that breakfast would be a great thing to have. Of course, the cafeteria wasn't open, and the TUB was only serving to alumni.

Hungry band members and students alike were turned away. It filled my heart with sadness.

Westminster needs to think to the future. It already has the alumni. It has their support. However, if it makes it that obvious that the current students don't matter at all, what makes you think the current students are going to give the college donations when they're out?

It's sad, but every time I hear a student utter the phrase "When I graduate," it is usually followed up with "I'm not giving this school a dime."

Ex-diplomat speaks on experiences

By Nawal Rajeh
Staff Writer

Former U.S. ambassador Ann Wright spoke to a crowd of Westminster students, faculty, and community members on Wednesday, September 28 in the campus center.

Wright, who served the U.S. in the military for 29 years, has a long list of credentials; she has traveled all over the world and has worked for the State Department for 16 years.

Some missions that she was a part of during her service time include Mongolia, Afghanistan, and Sierra Leone, where she won a medal of heroism for evacuating 2500 people in the course of two days- the largest evacuation effort since 1974.

Wright told many stories from her various experiences with the U.S. military. In 2001, Wright was sent to Afghanistan and then to Mongolia. While in Mongolia, she began to read about the pending war on Iraq and the so called dangers that Iraq was creating for the world.

Wright had her doubts; she knew that not much could go on in Iraq without U.S. knowledge. The real test, she felt, would be to see if the UN would back this policy move. When the UN refused, she showed her deep concern by resigning. Two other State Department employees resigned as well.

In the weeks following her resignation, Wright received hundreds of letters from foreign officers communicating their concern for the current situation- and though they could not resign, they expressed their solidarity.

"You can support the troops but not support the policy that puts the troops in danger," Wright said.

Wright served her country under seven different administrations and she claimed that all acted upon policies with which she did not always agree. However, there came a point with this administration where she felt she morally could not uphold the illegal manor in which they went about doing things and felt she must resign.

Wright gave images of how homes in Iraq are being raided indiscriminately. She feels this aggressive policy is brooding up a lot of resentment.

"There are 100s of thousands of Iraqis that will always despise Americans and it's a legacy we'll all have to live with," said Wright.

When asked about the future of Iraq, Wright said she feels that for the safety and security of the world, the U.S. should leave immediately.

"It won't be clean, it won't be pretty, but there will be less violence," said Wright.

Since her resignation, Wright has felt strongly about telling people all over the country why she chose to give up her career. She joined Cindy Sheehan in Crawford Texas for 55 days, traveled on a bus tour to U.S. cities, and most recently was a speaker at the massive anti-war rally that brought, by her estimations, over 200,000 people to D.C. this past weekend. She was also one of the 373 people who were arrested for protesting in front of the White House without a permit.

She joked with the listeners about her "record" as she showed her wristband that had the number of the bus that escorted her to the police station.

"It's the first time I've ever been arrested in my life, and I recommend it to all of you," said Wright.

For those looking to get arrested, she offered this piece of advice: if the handcuffs are too tight, ask to use the bathroom and when you come back say "please, not so tight."

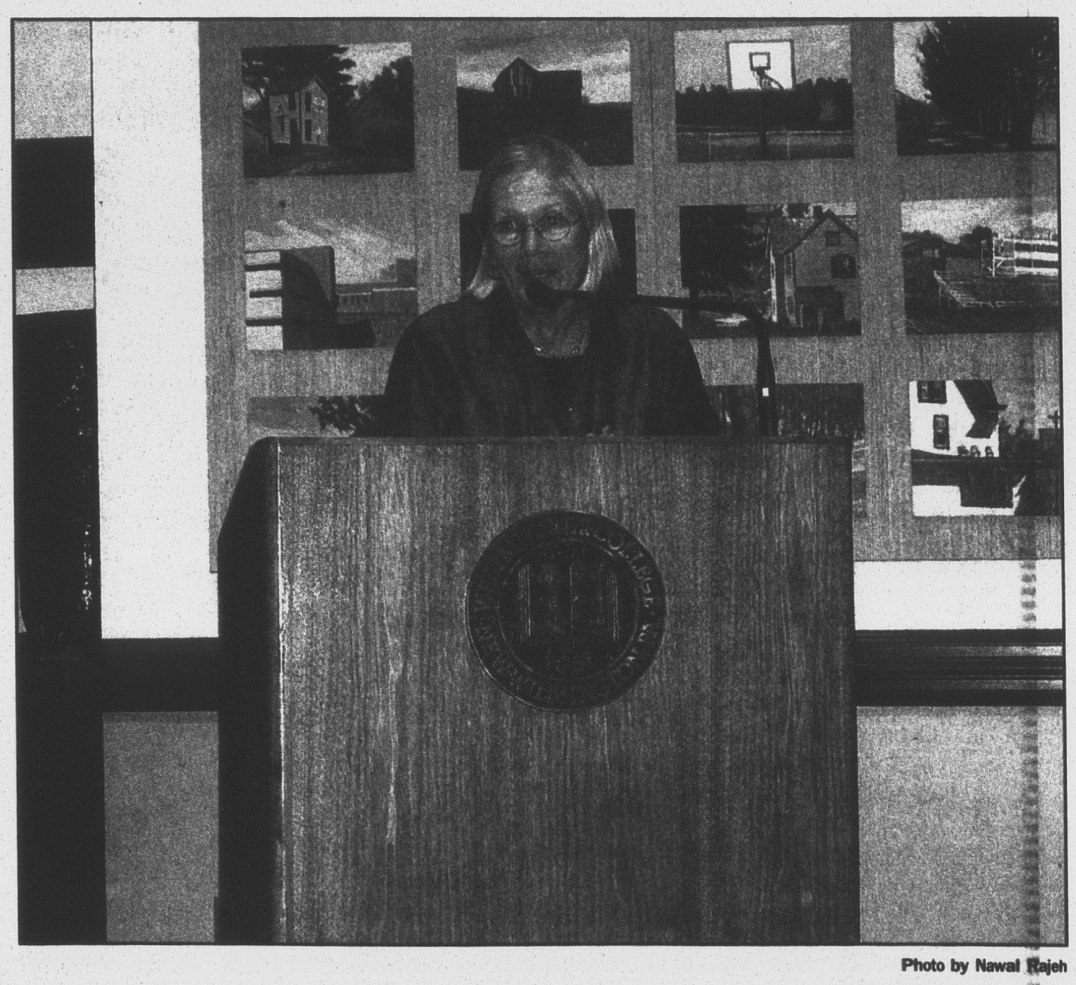

Photo by Nawal Rajeh

Ann Wright spoke in the Witherspoon Room Wednesday, September 28 after being detained at a demonstration in Washington, D.C.

She said if you cooperate with the police, they will usually cooperate back.

Though Wright's speech was more like a relaxing conversation with some joking and lighter points, it was also serious, and she spoke of her concern for those dying in Iraq. She expressed that giving up her career and continuing to talk about her resignation is to show how serious she feels that these policy decisions are "making the world a more dangerous place."

"I enjoyed her message; I think she had a lot of great points," said freshman Chris Stone, who felt his beliefs resonated with the points she made. "I think she also highlighted that there's a lot of things going on that we don't realize and that it's important that we try and keep up on everything that's happening."

Freshman David Dean, a registered Republican, attended the talk and agreed with a lot of what she said but also had some contentions.

"I think that I have found fault in the same areas as she in Bush's foreign policy," said Dean. "However, when it comes to blaming, I'm glad she didn't play the blame game that we see a lot of prominent Democrats play. However, it was Bill Clinton that signed the Iraqi Contingency plan and in spite of the administrative authority that George Bush holds as Commander in Chief, I think his hands, in some cases, were tied by a lot of the decisions made by the previous administration."

Whatever the view, students found Wright informative and interesting. Her credentials and experience made what she said even more impressive according to Virginia Tomlinson, professor of Sociology.

"There is an authenticity from someone who has so much experience. It brings with it credibility," said Tomlinson.

The Peace Studies program, which brought Ann Wright to campus, started the year off strong with this major figure with a controversial story. Fresh out of jail, she addressed important issues with energy and passion. Keep your eyes open for future coffeehouses about a variety of issues.

More news from around the campus

Cheerleading not considered a sport by college

By Angela Donnell
Campus Writer

Cheerleading is not seen as a sport in the eyes of the college, causing the cheerleaders to receive limited funding.

Football fans may have noticed that this season the cheerleaders have not been present at away games. They don't have enough money for transportation to other schools. Cheerleading is not considered an official varsity sport, which limits their funding from the college.

"We are not a club, we are not a sport, we fluctuate in between," cheerleading advisor Bess Ondako said. "It sometimes works out to our advantage, it sometimes doesn't."

Cheerleaders do receive a small amount of funding from the school because they do support varsity sports. Cheerleaders also receive money from alumni during the Towering Titan organization annual donor drive. Alumni can donate money toward any sports organization of their choice through the drive.

"In 2004, cheerleading received $1,168 from the Towering Titan organization," athletic director James Dafler said. "Although, that's only a small portion of the $128, 297 total."

The cheerleaders resort to fundraising to obtain more money. However, even after fundraising, the cheerleaders struggle to pay for the things they need.

"We only had enough money to buy one new uniform," junior Teal Kawana said. "We're still fundraising to try to buy all another."

Cheerleading could be considered a sport if the cheerleaders were to compete in competitions. However, competition may not be right for Westminster's squad.

"Competing would change a lot of things," senior captain Amanda Hauger said. "It would require an entirely different mindset and total dedication from all of the squad."

Ondako confirmed that the girls wouldn't want to compete.

"We get good girls, but not girls that expect to put that much time into competing," Ondako said.

At neighboring Grove City College, cheerleading is also not considered a sport.

"They are not an organized sport per se," associate director of women's athletics Susan Roberts said. "We have a certified instructor who advises them, and they receive enough funding to do what they need to do."

Thiel College on the other hand has several competition teams.

"We get a lot of support," head cheerleading coach Lynsey Rossi said. "I am full-time, which is really helpful to the girls."

Thiel College provides transportation for their cheerleaders to get to away games, whether by van or bus because they compete.

Ondako stresses that the college is extremely supportive of the squad.

"All of the coaches, Jim Dafler, and Camille Hawthorne are very cooperative with us," Ondako stated. "We fit in where we are; we have the best of both worlds."

The cheerleaders are continuing to fundraise for the new uniforms they would like to purchase this year. They're going to raffle off an I-Pod. Tickets are $2, and the winner will be pulled at halftime of the Oct. 8 football game, the winner doesn't have to be present to win. See any cheerleader to purchase one.

A "Revolution" in fundraising for Hurricane Katrina victims

By Jaimee Davis
Campus Writer

On October 1, 2005, there will be a revolution in the Witherspoon Rooms.

The revolution is Dance Dance Revolution, and the occasion is Alpha Phi Omega's DDR-4-KATRINA–a 12 hour fundraiser for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Doors will be open to all from noon to midnight.

"The aftermath in the South was extremely devastating," sophomore Bethany South said. "We wanted to pick a game that everyone can play and supports the victims."

DDR is a game for Playstation2 or X-BOX that uses a dance pad on the floor instead of a handheld controller. There are forward, back, left, and right arrows on the dance pad that correspond to a stream of arrows on a television screen. The object of the game is to step on the arrows in time with the moving arrows on the screen. Each song lasts approximately 1.5 minutes, and the dance steps for each song are unique. The steps range in difficulty from "light" to "heavy," leaving room for both the newcomer and the seasoned player to take a chance at playing.

"I'm very excited about DDR-4-KATRINA, even though I've never played a video game in my life," senior Jean Cochran said.

The cost of attendance is 50 cents per set of three songs or $10 to play all day. Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega will also be collecting non-perishable food items or gently worn clothing items. Each item donated will earn a ticket for a set of three songs.

In addition to any outside players, some of the brothers have been collecting pledges from sponsors in an attempt to play for 12 hours. Sophomores Anthony Colwell and Bryan Bischof will be at one end of the Witherspoon Rooms with their game projected onto a screen for the duration of the event. Chemistry professor Peter Smith and various brothers throughout the day will have their games projected onto the screen at the other end of the rooms.

All proceeds will benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina via the Salvation Army, while all donated items will be given to the Prince of Peace Center in Sharon, Pa. The brotherhood had unsuccessfully attempted to raise money for the center two weeks ago with their Quad-A-Thon and felt the collection would be an ideal second option.

"I'm looking forward to DDR-4-KATRINA because it's an opportunity to help and is fun at the same time," fifth year Elaine Blevins said. "I'm especially looking forward to hanging out with my super cool brothers."

The brothers encourage any spectators and anyone willing to play DDR to stop by on Saturday. Beverages will be provided throughout the day, and there will be an option for dinner from 5-7 p.m.

New honorary is all Greek to campus

By Tory Duerr
Staff Writer

If you notice chariots or togas about campus, they will likely not be the result of fraternities, but of the new Gamma Mu chapter of the national Eta Sigma Phi honorary fraternity, an organization that literally knows the ins and outs of Greek life.

The Westminster College chapter of this honorary fraternity, which has been under inactive status since 1995, has finally become active again this semester. Eta Sigma Phi's goals are "To develop and promote interest in the study of the Greek and Latin languages among the students of Westminster College, to promote closer fraternal relationships among students who are interested in the Greek and Latin languages and Greco-Roman civilization, and to work with other honorary language fraternities to promote language study in general and intellectual awareness among students at Westminster College and among the surrounding communities."

Our new Gamma Mu chapter has recently elected senior Latin major, Amber Pollock, as their president (or prytanis) for the current term. Amber is very excited about the reactivation of this organization, which already has eight members. This is an impressive start considering the total number of Greek and Latin majors on campus and the challenging academic requirements which determine a student's eligibility to join Eta Sigma Phi.

According to prytanis Pollock, the members of this new honorary fraternity are enthusiastic and full of ideas. During the chapter's first meeting, officers were elected and the members brainstormed ideas for possible brotherhood events. These ideas included chariot races, mock battles, and the designing of togas. Amber, who is also a secondary education minor, feels that exposing the campus to the classical toga design would be an excellent way for Eta Sigma Phi to educate the campus and clear up common misconceptions about the toga. After all, many students are only familiar with the makeshift togas that frat guys construct from the usual readily available materials: a bed sheet and some duct tape.

If you are curious about Greco-Roman civilizations and languages or just want to impress some friends at a party with a real toga, keep an eye out for the Eta Sigma Phis. They seem like a group that would be more than willing to share their knowledge about their area of study. Perhaps you may even be inspired to take a few of Dr. Castro's Latin or Greek courses so that you can aspire to one day become an Eta Sigma Phi yourself.

Titan Radio goes global

By Colin Dean
Co-editor-in-chief

Music lovers from all over the globe will be able to enjoy advertising-free music from the campus's own Titan Radio.

Titan Radio will be officially launching a streaming audio webcast from their website Friday, September 30. The stream has been in testing for a number of days to ensure that the quality is high enough from all around.

"We never streamed on the Internet before, the primary problem was that the campus did not have enough bandwidth to handle 200-250 people logging in to the radio stream at the same time," said Dave Barner, chair of the communication studies department.

Last year, the college upgraded its Internet connection to a much faster line capable of much higher throughput.

"It won't be as steady as the radio [at first]," said Keith Corso, visiting instructor in the communications studies department. However, once listeners start tuning in, they will be able to adjust settings accordingly to ensure a high quality connection.

Also at issue was the legality of broadcasting on the Internet. Many webcasters found themselves at the receiving end of a lawsuit from the record industry alleging copyright infringement when webcasting first boomed in the late '90s.

Through an organization called the Intercollegiate Broadcasting Association, colleges can buy the rights to stream for a fairly small fee of only a couple hundred dollars a year. This license allows college radio stations such as Titan Radio to broadcast their content online legally.

Interested listeners can direct their web browser to www.titanradio.net to find the stream. The stream uses Microsoft's MMS streaming server, so listeners will need Windows Media Player on Windows and Mac OS X, or Mplayer or Xine for Linux. The content of the stream is no different than what is broadcast over the airwaves. In fact, depending the speed and latency of a listener's Internet connection, he or she may receive the audio faster over the Internet than through the radio.

"Everyone can listen, even my parents in Texas," said sophomore Garrett Horvath.

Westminster is not the first institution in the local group of colleges to launch online radio. Both Washington and Jefferson and Dusqusne also webcast their content.

"We're probably a little behind," said Barner. "We're not the first, but we really plan to promote it."

Titan Radio plans to place ads in the New Castle News and other local papers during Christmas and other themed times of the year.

Tickets

Celebrity Series policy misunderstood

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"A Broadway Celebration" on March 11, and "The Ten Tenors" concluding the series on March 31. "In The Mood," a special show which is not part of the regular 2005-2006 series, will take place on November 3. This show will feature big band music of World War II.

The regular price of an adult ticket ranges between $37 and $42, depending on seating in the house. Season tickets are discounted with prices between $199 and $299, again depending on seating. Student and senior citizen season tickets are also discounted and range between $194 and $204.

Performances have taken place in Orr Auditorium since the conception of the program in 1967. Past performers have included Tony Danza, Tony Bennett, Regis Philbin, and many others.

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Campus News

Across the pond:

Students plunge into British culture

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Westminster sees its reflection on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean.

By Sharon Englert
Campus Writer

Thirty students are currently studying abroad at Pembroke College in Oxford. This is the highest number of students studying abroad in the history of our college.

"We are studying 18th Century Literature and the Philosophy of the Age of Reason in a cluster. Many of the things we are studying happened in Oxford. Many of the authors we are reading went to Oxford," Dr. James Perkins, Department of English & Public Relations, said.

Pembroke College is part of Oxford University, where these thirty students live with host families, eat the tasty British food, explore the British culture, and experience some great British activities.

"It is a bit like having studying creation in the Garden of Eden," Dr. Perkins said.

This paradise is definitely interesting as the students take a variety of courses including travel writing and modern philosophy. Dr. Perkins teaches many of the classes along side his colleague Dr. David Goldberg, assistant professor of philosophy.

Jeffery Bersett, Department of Modern Languages, thinks very highly of the study abroad program.

"I think that study abroad is a terrific opportunity for all students, no matter what their major, to learn more about the world," Bersett said.

Bersett explained that the college supports the program and has no reason to think that it would cease to do so. The program is designed to send students just about anywhere in the world to study other cultures and take a more personal approach to learning in such courses as literature and philosophy.

Don't get the wrong idea: this program is not necessarily all work and no play. If you visit our college website and go to News under New Releases, you can read more about what these thirty students have been up to. With trips on the underground rail system, visiting Big Ben and many other famous buildings and monuments, study abroad sounds like a vacation– and then some.

Don't be afraid to ask questions if you want to learn more about study abroad. Professors like Bersett say they're happy to help. The professors insist they want students to know that study abroad is a program which anyone can be a part of.

"I hope that everyone at least looks into the possibility to go somewhere at some point during their four years at Westminster," Bersett said.

GOING STATESIDE:

Foreign Exchange Students

By Nawal Rajeh
Staff Writer

Patrick Donnelly is studying on campus for the semester studying business. There are 165 students from two main universities in Ireland studying all over the U.S. through this program. Patrick also plays for the Westminster Titans soccer team.

Name: Paddy

Year: Junior

Major back at home: Interactive Multi Media Design

From: Ballycastle

Things you miss most from home: The two bars that are on campus and the scenery since I live right by the coast.

Any plans to travel outside of PA: I am planning a trip to New York for Fall Break with a friend (from Ireland) who is studying in Tennessee for the semester.

What has most surprised you so far on your trip? The Guinness is actually very nice

Favorite Movie: *The Godfather*

What do you like most about Westminster? The people are very friendly

CheeHun Lee is back for her second semester at Westminster after arriving last January. She spent the summer traveling the country with a friend from Toronto. She enjoys traveling a lot and tried out the Korean food everywhere she went in search for the taste of home! One of her favorite memories from Westminster so far is going over to a professors house for a barbeque- which is not as common in Korea.

Name: Chee

Majors: English and business

From: Seoul Korea

Things you miss most about home: Korean food, friends and family

What do you like most about Westminster: The people are very friendly, also it's size; my school back at home is very large.

Travel plans?: Yes, over the summer I went to: Philadelphia, New York, New Orleans, Miami, Orlando, Key West, San Antonio, Austin, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, and L.A. – which has the biggest Korean town outside of Korea.

Favorite Shows you didn't have back at home: *The O.C.* and *Gilmore Girls.*

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Big Ben. Trafalgar Square. Buckingham Palace. Westminster Abbey. Yeah, we've visited each of these historical architectural masterpieces, but as our group found out on Sunday, there's also a lot going on below—and way above—the surface of London.

London's Underground is appropriately named. This network of escalators and tracks arranged in a maze-like pattern bustles stories beneath London streets. Serving as the major mode of city transportation, the "Tube" is the fastest way of getting from point A to point B. Unfortunately, as we learned this summer, it is also a target for terrorism. Although the July bombings did not deter any Westminster students from riding the Tube, some had difficulty in keeping the past events from their thoughts as they sped below the city of London.

"I have to admit, I was a little creeped out riding the Tube," senior English major Jennie Wheeler said. "The terrorist attacks were always in the back of my mind."

On a more upbeat note, a few lucky students had a hands-on experience with London's notorious hip scene. An underground museum at the world's first Hard Rock Cafe called "The Vault" boasts instruments, clothing, furniture, and hand-written lyrics. These lyrics are from some of the world's most famous musicians, ranging everywhere from Miles Davis to Eric Clapton. What also makes this museum so intriguing is that, unlike other Hard Rock Cafes, visitors have the freedom to wear John Lennon's favorite jacket, strum Kurt Cobain's and Bob Dylan's guitars, and sit on Jimi Hendrix's couch without paying a pound—leading to an experience filled with photo ops and pure amazement.

In a city of limited skyscrapers, the London Eye presents a prime opportunity for an aerial view of the vast city. Students who rode this gigantic ferris wheel came back to earth with one-of-a-kind photographs. Laura Swanson, a junior English major, testifies that the city she captured on camera while riding the London Eye made her feel like a "professional photographer."

The group's outstanding experiences in a city offering various opportunities reached new levels—literally. By exploring the highs and lows of London, the unique perspectives gained by students led to the discovery of not just a city before unknown, but a city with several alluring personalities. So alluring, in fact, that we cannot wait to visit again.

Desserts across the pond

WHEN EATING DINNER AND IF YOUR LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET DESSERT, ITS ALWAYS CALLED 'PUDDING' WHETHER ITS PUDDING OR NOT.

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THEY CALL CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES, 'AMERICAN' COOKIES.

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Friday						
High	High 75	High 73	High 74	High 74	High 70	High 73
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Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:17 a.m.	7:05 p.m.
Saturday	7:18 a.m.	7:03 p.m.
Sunday	7:19 a.m.	7:02 p.m.
Monday	7:20 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	7:21 a.m.	6:58 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	4:19 a.m.	6:09 p.m.
Saturday	5:21 a.m.	6:29 p.m.
Sunday	6:23 a.m.	6:47 p.m.
Monday	7:26 a.m.	7:07 p.m.
Tuesday	8:31 a.m.	7:28 p.m.

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Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 17	Oct 24

Weather History

A cold outbreak sent temperatures into the teens as far south as western Kansas on Sept. 30, 1985. On the same day, Grand Island, Neb., had 3.80 inches of snow.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	68	45	s	74	54	s	73	57	s	75	56	pc	75	53	s
Butler, PA	67	43	s	75	49	s	73	53	s	74	52	s	74	49	s
Cambridge, OH	72	42	s	77	46	s	75	53	s	78	53	pc	76	51	s
Canton, OH	68	43	s	74	51	s	73	56	s	76	55	pc	75	52	s
Cincinnati, OH	70	49	s	76	58	s	80	58	pc	80	56	pc	78	56	s
Clarion, PA	64	41	s	74	49	s	73	53	s	73	50	s	73	51	s
Clarksburg, WV	68	39	s	77	47	s	76	51	s	77	50	s	76	49	s
Cleveland, OH	68	46	s	74	54	s	76	54	s	76	52	pc	74	55	s
Columbus, OH	68	48	s	77	56	s	75	56	pc	78	57	pc	77	55	s
Cumberland, MD	65	44	s	75	50	s	74	54	s	73	54	s	76	53	s
Erie, PA	64	48	pc	74	54	s	71	56	s	72	57	pc	72	56	s
Franklin, PA	66	41	s	73	49	s	73	53	s	71	51	s	72	51	s
Greensburg, PA	67	47	s	78	53	s	75	56	s	75	56	s	75	54	s
Greenville, PA	67	45	s	75	52	s	73	54	s	74	52	s	74	52	s
Grove City, PA	67	42	s	74	49	s	73	53	s	72	52	s	72	50	s
Hagerstown, MD	67	44	s	76	52	s	76	54	s	77	54	s	77	54	pc
Indiana, PA	67	46	s	77	54	s	75	55	s	75	56	s	74	54	s
Jamestown, NY	60	46	pc	72	50	s	73	51	s	69	52	s	69	51	s
Kittanning, PA	67	45	s	76	52	s	74	55	s	75	55	s	74	51	s
Lisbon, OH	68	45	s	76	53	s	74	56	s	75	54	s	75	53	s
Mansfield, OH	68	46	s	74	53	s	74	56	pc	77	55	pc	75	52	s
Marietta, OH	72	43	s	79	51	s	77	54	s	80	53	pc	78	54	s
McKeesport, PA	67	46	s	78	53	s	74	57	s	75	56	s	76	54	s
Meadville, PA	65	46	s	74	53	s	70	55	s	73	54	s	72	53	s
Morgantown, WV	68	44	s	76	52	s	78	54	s	74	55	s	77	51	s
New Castle, PA	68	44	s	76	51	s	73	55	s	74	52	s	74	51	s
Oil City, PA	67	42	s	74	50	s	74	54	s	72	52	s	73	51	s
Pittsburgh, PA	66	44	s	74	52	s	78	54	s	78	54	s	76	54	s
Sharon, PA	67	44	s	75	51	s	73	54	s	74	51	s	74	52	s
Somerset, PA	62	47	s	72	51	s	71	55	s	72	55	s	70	52	s
Steubenville, OH	68	45	s	77	53	s	73	56	s	76	54	s	75	53	s
Uniontown, PA	67	42	s	76	50	s	76	52	s	75	53	s	77	50	s
Warren, OH	68	43	s	75	52	s	74	54	s	75	52	pc	75	52	s
Washington, PA	67	38	s	73	48	s	74	49	s	76	50	s	75	48	s
Waynesburg, PA	67	41	s	75	49	s	75	51	s	75	52	s	76	50	s
Wheeling, WV	68	46	s	77	54	s	73	57	s	76	55	s	75	53	s
Youngstown, OH	66	44	s	75	51	s	73	54	s	74	51	pc	74	52	s
Wooster, OH	68	41	s	73	47	s	73	53	s	75	49	pc	74	50	s
Zanesville, OH	73	43	s	78	47	s	75	53	s	79	54	pc	77	52	s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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WCXC: A Need for Speed

By Tom Heath
Sports Writer

The football team and Fresh Start were not the only two groups to arrive on campus early.

Along with them and sometimes forgotten were the Men's and Women's Cross Country teams.

Head coach, Gary Lilly, may have the most talented group of runners in the PAC; however this talent is very fresh.

Both Men's and Women's teams look to fill the voids of their top runners as a result of graduation.

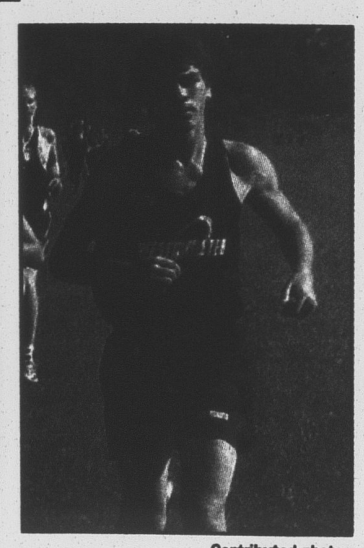
For the past three seasons, the Men's team has been knocking on the door of a PAC Championship finishing in second place. The team is led by captains, Jordan Hinds and Scott Seserko, who provide much needed experience as well as leadership. Along with these two strong returnees, also, look for sophomores Nate Mitchell, Joe Knott and Willie DeLair to make their presence felt. Mitchell and DeLair were the only freshmen last season to make it into the starting five for the Titans. The biggest surprise yet has been freshmen Aaron Titus, who has led the team in the first three invites this season. Freshmen, Andrew Brown and James Ryan also give the team more talent.

On the Women's side, the team looks to avenge a fourth place PAC finish from last season. Along with the men's team, the women also lost their best runner due to graduation. The team will look to captains, Leanna Stitt and Amy Carroll for experience as well as leadership. Freshmen LeighAnn Jordan has boosted the team 's standings thus far and freshmen Lindsey Stankiewicz, from McDowell brings much experience to the plate. Other big things are expected from Alissa Bookwalter, Maggie Muir, Kelly Spisak, and Melissa Joseph.

The schedule is one that is extremely demanding and with the looks of things, the PAC title is without a doubt up for grabs on both the men's and women's side.

So far they have met competition at The Fisher Invitational, the only home contest, the Thiel Invitational and most recently, the Penn St. Behrend Invitational. Both the men's and women's teams competed intensely against Division 2 teams such as Case Western and Carnegie Mellon. Stitt, Carroll and Jordan were top finishers for the women who took 8th out of 14 teams. Mitchell, Titus and DeLair led the way for the men's team capturing 7th out of 10 teams.

In result, the Titans will have to show a great deal of character up until the PAC championships at Thiel on October 29th. Until then, watch for results from their Invitational this Saturday at Pitt Greensburg.



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Left: The members of the women's cross country team pause for a photo opportunty before their race at the Thiel Invitational. Right: Leading runner Aaron Titus on the move.

Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

Top Ten Sports Movies: I Dare You to Argue

Sports have long transcended television onto the silver screen. Hollywood has produced some timeless classics over the years, and although a futile task, I would recount my top ten sports movies.

Note: As I am only 21, my knowledge and opinion does not successfully stretch as far as quality sports movies. Therefore, I apologize for rightful omissions that may have been produced before the considered time period.

So here goes nothing...ranked from worst to best - The Top Ten Sports Movies from our generation:

10. The Program - Steve Lattimer, Joe Kane, and Alvin Mack, what's not to love?

9. The Rookie - Dennis Quaid admirably portrays the story of Jimmy Morris; an high school science teacher that's given a second shot at baseball.

8. Rudy - Sean Astin comes a long way from his role in "The Goonies" to deliver a dynamic performance in this college football classic.

7. Major League - Even though the fundamental baseball is laughably awful, the comedic relief in this cult classic remains unmatched.

6. Caddyshack - Who would have thought the sport of golf could have generated such a classic? Oh, it also stars Chevy Chase and Rodney Dangerfield.

5. The Natural - A film that's been copied by every baseball movie produced after it, this Robert Redford flick set the standard for baseball movies.

4. Miracle - Argueably the greatest moment in American sports history has to make for good cinema.

3. Rocky - Some may argue that this film should be atop any such this. However, as you may have noticed, I'm a baseball player. Sorry.

2. Field of Dreams - James Earl Jones delivers perhaps the best monologue in any sports movie in this Kevin Costner classic.

1. Bull Durham - Crash Davis and "Nuke" LaLoosh deliver some serious laughs at the top of the list. Secondly, this minor league baseball film is perhaps the most quoted sports movie of all-time.

Honorable Mention

Hoosiers - A possible top ten, but again, probably too many baseball films.

61 - Although it's about the Yankees, the story of Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle is an interesting one told by director Billy Crystal.

Sleeper: Necessary Roughness - The most underrated sports movie of all-time, and I still believe I own the only version on DVD.

Jason Mackey is a senior broadcast communications major. He can be seen weekly on Coach's Corner (7 p.m. on the WCN) and also meets the mandatory "Abercrombie Requirement" for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Saints spoil Homecoming weekend

By Steven Brink
Sports Writer

Two 4th quarter touchdowns paved the way for a 17-3 Thomas More victory last Saturday. Westminster lost for only the 5th time on Homecoming since 1952. The Saints improved to 3-0 in conference play with the win, while the Titans fell to 0-1.

Both defenses were outstanding Saturday as six total points were scored in the first three quarters of play.

Thomas More drew first blood as Saints kicker Brian Sheeley hit a 26-yard field goal with 27 seconds remaining in the first half. The field goal was setup by Sean Buggey's fumble at the Westminster 20-yard line. Thomas More linebacker Mark Carlise (the leader tackler in the conference) forced the fumble, and fellow linebacker Rashawn West picked it up.

Already in excellent field position, the Saints needed only a few yards to get into Sheeley's range. The senior nailed the kick and gave the Saints a slim 3-0 halftime advantage.

After an onside kick to start the 2nd half, Brett Myers moved the Titans down the field to setup their only score of the afternoon. Myers' 13-yard scramble on 3rd and twelve, kept the drive alive for Westminster. Five plays later, sophomore kicker Jason Lundmark kicked a 21-yard field goal to tie the game at three.

The winning score came just minutes into the final quarter. Dusty Rhodes' punt to the Saints 39-yd line gave Thomas More the ball back. And before you knew it, the Saints were up 10-3.

On the first play after the Rhodes punt, Senior Quarterback Nate Berkley found Andy Heinl for a 61-yard touchdown pass.

The Saints never looked back.

The Thomas More defense continued to shut down the Titan offense by forcing two more punts in the final stanza. And once Myers' pass on 4th and 19 fell incomplete, the Titans were done.

A few seconds later, Lawrence Colbert sprinted 47 yards for the final Saints touchdown, making the final score 17-3.

It certainly wasn't the homecoming performance Coach Jeff Hand was looking for. After the game, Hand was not pleased with his offense saying, "On offense we are struggling, we need to improve. We need to keep the sticks moving so we can give our defense a break."

After putting up nearly 300 rushing yards against Hiram the previous week, Westminster was limited to just 55 on Saturday. Buggey had 81 yards on 28 carries, but only once did he rush for over 10 yards on a play.

No other Titan really provided much of a spark offensively. QB J.R. Barley didn't complete a pass in the 1st half. Brett Myers ended up replacing Barley for good in the 2nd half. But he only completed 12 passes for 95 yards. Westminster as a team averaged just over two yards per play.

However, up until the last 13 minutes of the game, the Thomas More offense didn't do much either. The Saints only averaged three and a half yards per carry on the ground. And, if you factor out Lawrence Colbert's 47-yard touchdown run in the final minute, that stat becomes even more impressive.

Saints running back Tyran Thompson, arguably one of the best backs in the conference, was limited to less than 50 yards for the 2nd consecutive week. Thompson was not a factor at all. The Titans held the Saints 3rd all-time leading rusher to just 45 yards on 24 carries.

The Westminster defense played very well for the most part. Senior linebacker Jerry Bonenberger, who recorded eight tackles, once again led the defense. Senior defensive end Adam Hadbavny also had a solid game. Hadbavny made five tackles, including one sack, while also forcing a fumble.

Westminster is off this weekend. They return to action on Saturday October 8th, as they play host to nationally ranked Washington and Jefferson. Kickoff is set for 1:30 pm.

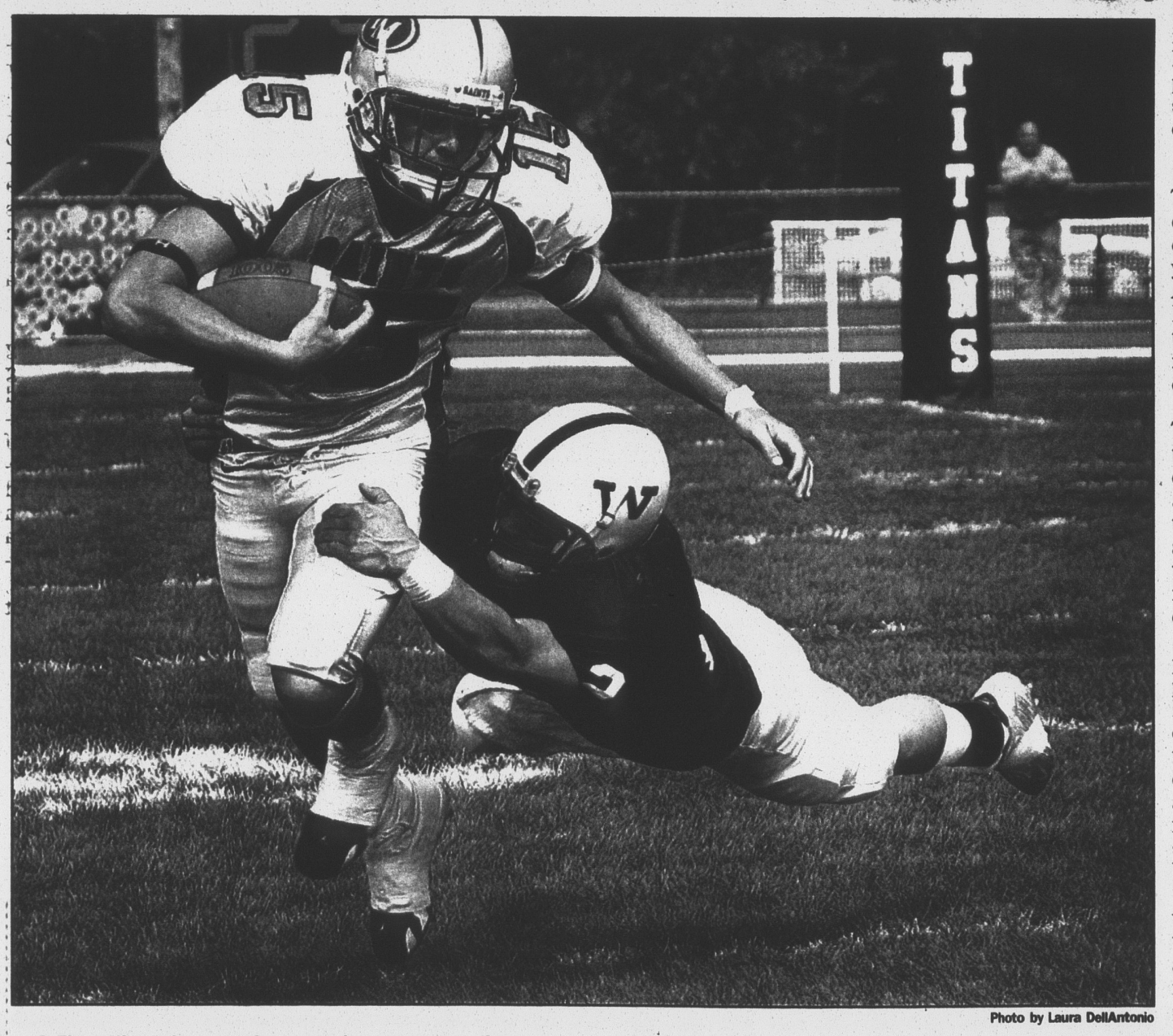


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

A Titan dives desparately to catch a runaway saint

Titan Sports Shorts

Lady Titan soccer defeats Grove City Wolverines

Freshman midfielder Abby Montgomery took a pass from classmate Christina Adams and scored with just two minutes to play in regulation Wednesday, lifting the team to a 1-0 win over Grove City. The Lady Titans improved to 8-2 overall and a perfect 3-0 in conference play as they recorded their sixth consecutive victory.

The ladies dominated the game statistically, as the they outshot Grove City 33-11 and held an 8-1 advantage in corner kicks. However, the Grove City defense held firm through most of the game, maintaining a scorelessd tie until Montomgery's game-winning goal in the closing minutes.

Freshman Whitney Griffin went the distance in goal, making seven saves to post her fifth solo shutout in 10 contests this season.

The Lady Titan kickers will look to continue their winning ways on October 1, when Westminster travels to face Washington & Jefferson in Washington, Pa., beginning at noon.

Lady Titan volleyball slams Thiel Tomcats

Head volleyball coach Tammy Swearingen earned her 300th career coaching victory Tuesday, September 27, as the Lady Titan volleyball team opened PAC play with a 30-17, 30-23, 30-15 sweep of Thiel. The ladies improved to 11-8 overall, 1-0 in the PAC.

Swearingen, now in her 13th season as a the team's head coach, now has an all-time coaching record of 300-151 (.665) at the helm of the Lady Titan program.

Despite having the team's leading hitter (senior outside hitter Erin Hinks) sidelined for most of the match due to illness, the team was able to roll to the PAC win behind a match-high 13 kills by sophomore middle hitter Jessica Cooper, while junior middle hitter Katie McDermott added 10. Junior Rachael Cooper and sophomore Christine Eaton set up 22 and 20 assists, respectively. Sophomore outside hitter/libero Hannah Parker led the squad with three service aces and 14 digs.

A&E Arts & Entertainment

LORD OF WAR

Pulling out the big guns

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Are you really evil if you are considered a necessary evil? If you provide the means of death but don't pull the trigger, are you a murderer? Andrew Niccol's Lord of War presents these questions in a dark comedy that follows an excerpt in the life of a private arms dealer.

Nicolas Cage plays Yuri Orlov, a Ukrainian immigrant living in the Bronx who decides to live a posh lifestyle by, well, the questionable career as an international arms dealer. His drug addict brother Vitaly (Jared Leto) is his partner in crime, and the two of them do quite good business hopping around the globe finding clients together. However, Yuri decides that selling guns to mobsters and drug dealers is too small for him. It's time to move into the big money maker: war.

After Vitaly's drug addiction lands him in the Ritz Carlton of rehab centers, Yuri heads over to Russia the day after the Soviet Union falls to capitalize on the leftover ammunition stocks from the Cold War. This is the beginning of the snowball that leads to more money than Yuri ever dreamed of and connections with every leader, tyrant, and warlord in the world. He is able to buy everything, including the love of his dream girl, Ava Fontaine (Bridget Moynahan).

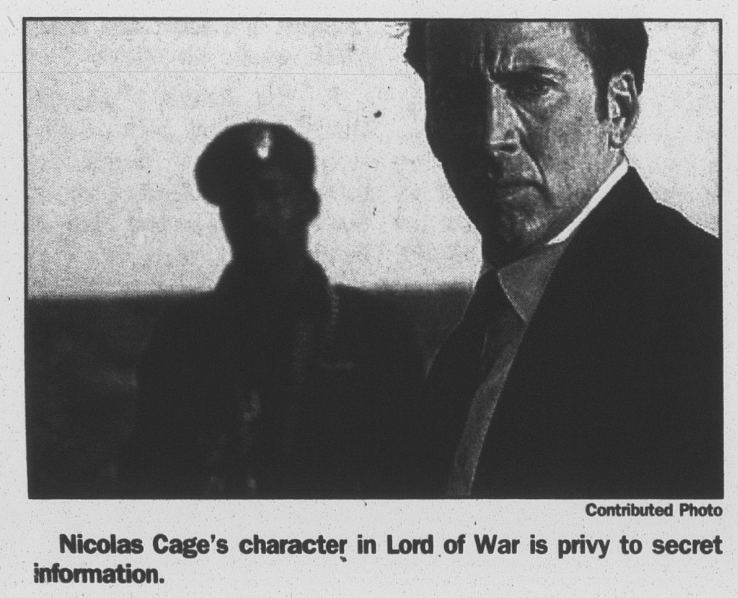
However, it is not all money and power for Yuri. A determined Interpol agent, Jack Valentine (Ethan Hawke), is always on his trail throughout the world trying to bring him down. In addition, there is always the inevitable competition by other arms dealers that affect his game. Through it all, Yuri seemingly comes out on top, at least according to his standards.

This film is not simply a story about an arms dealer. The cinematography is quite poignant; the montage in the beginning depicts bullets from production, distribution, and eventually as a tool of death. The scenes in Africa show the distrubing violence of children carrying guns and men massacring civilians just for the fun of it. Of course, Yuri knows this because it is how he makes money.

Somehow this film works as a dark comedy. Perhaps it's because Nicolas Cage can pull off the dry honesty required of this role that ties together cynicism and a rational view of a "merchant of death." It is most disturbing to see how guns control people, and how they can run an economy.

I won't give away secrets because it will take away from the ending, but it is absolutely sickening how deep the corruption goes. Deep down, are we able to hide from our own biology? Are we really able to change who we are at the core? Where is the line drawn between business and murder? I don't know the answers to these questions, but I believe that what director Andrew Niccol wants us to do is think about them.

Rating: A-



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Nicolas Cage's character in Lord of War is privy to secret information.

Sherri is a junior English major with a film studies minor. Sherri is known to be gruff until she's had her daily caffeine fix. Of course, after the gruffness clears, she'll never stop yammering in your ear.

Running around *42nd Street*

By Maggie Muir
Contributing Writer

While many students had the opportunity to watch the performance of Dancing Feet Company's *42nd Street*, I opted to work backstage with wardrobe and stage crew, figuring that I would see the entire show up close and for free. I was gravely mistaken.

Beginning at 8am, I was called in to sort the actors' underwear. I found this task most interesting, especially arranging the men's modesty thongs and each girl's matching gold g-string. After every actor had a bag of clean socks, unmentionables, and an occasional t-shirt, I moved on to filling shoe racks and sorting costumes haphazardly strewn from the pervious night's show in Massachusetts. I was just thankful I wasn't thrown into the ironing crew. And so I continued with costumes until 5pm or so, wondering how in the world 40something actors could possibly require so many costume changes for one show. I didn't mind the work, though, as one day, I too will be on Broadway, having lowly groundlings sort my underwear as well.

Call for the crew began at 6:30pm with pre-setting costumes for quick changes. This meant that I had to place multiple sets of costumes on chairs, ready to be worn, all over back stage, as well as arranged shoes, hats, and bowties, while staying out of the actors' ways. I didn't mind this seemingly menial work, because as soon as the show started, I'd be back stage beside the tappers, anxiously awaiting the cues and helping dress the male performers several times throughout the next two hours.

Here is a rundown of the play from my view:

"Places!" The orchestra starts with the overture. "Curtain up!" I stand in the wings holding a white tux jacket with tails, when I'm directed to wait behind the scenery beside a clothing rack, "out of the way".

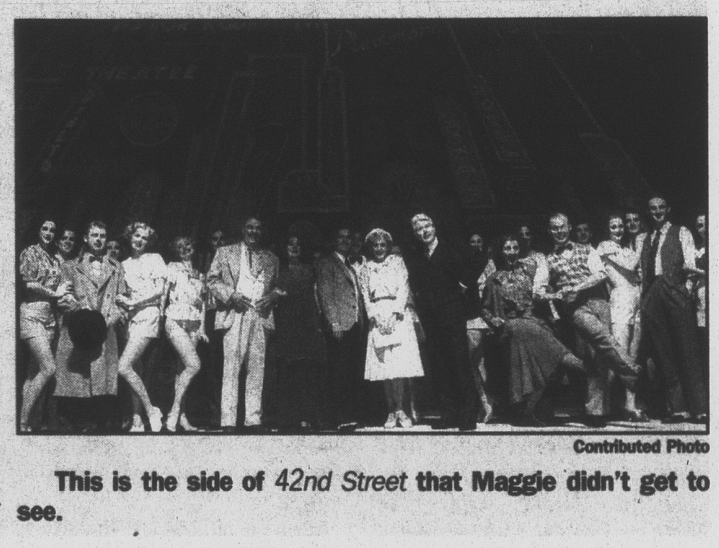
My vision of the show now blocked by a curtain, and I hear the music, but my eyes didn't share the experience.

Following the first act, I wasn't even backstage! I was banished to the hall to once again sort costumes and match shoes.

I found this task most interesting, especially arranging the men's modesty thongs and each girl's matching gold g-string.

When the curtain came down, two, almost three hours later, the only tapping I witnessed was was made by shoes flung across the floor in a frenzy of change out of shoes, clothes, and wigs. Mind you, most of this happened in less than 10 seconds.

I thoroughly enjoyed the singing, costumes, and interaction with the actors; I only wish I had enjoyed the entertainment of the show as much. Don't get me wrong, I had a blast working back stage, and will gladly do it again until I'm working ON stage, but next time, I'll be sure to rent the video beforehand to fulfill my expectations.



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This is the side of *42nd Street* that Maggie didn't get to see.

When dining at Hoss's...

Leah's the boss

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

After all the homecoming festivities on Saturday, I was starving. I knew that wherever I went to eat, they had to offer a lot of food! So I went to Hoss's Steak and Seahouse in Grove City. When you walk in, you order right at the door. No waiting to be seated, no waiting for the waitress to get to your table, none of that. You look at the huge menu of steaks, chicken and seafood, the long list of side dishes, and the salad bar that comes with every meal.

Now let me describe this "salad bar." You start out with the bread. Your choices include Italian, garlic, cinnamon with icing, and anything else the cooks might decide to whip up that day. Oh yea, and the bread is all kept under a heat lamp so it stays fresh and warm.

Then you move down the bar to some nachos with cheese and salsa. Next there are about two or three soup choices. Then you finally hit the actual salad bar. At this salad bar there is every type of topping and every type of dressing available. We saw people making replicas of Mount St. Helen on their plate.

In the next line we have desserts, including jello, jello salad, pudding, cakes, pies, cookies, sugar free dessert and soft serve ice cream with chocolate, strawberry and peanut butter syrup and sprinkles. But no dessert until after your meal comes!

To be completely honest, you're pretty well full by this point, but there is still lots to come.

Now the dinner arrives. I ordered chicken tenders and a baked sweet potato with butter and brown sugar. It was a tough choice between the tenders or the sirloin tips. You can order the chicken tenders fried, grilled or buffalo style. The side dish options are mashed, baked, or baked sweet potatoes, fries, rice pilaf, or a variety of vegetables.

Okay, now you can go back for that dessert—if you have room!

Hoss's is located in both Grove City across from the Prime Outlets, and there is also another located in New Castle on Route 18.

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

Have a particular restaurant at which you find yourself often?

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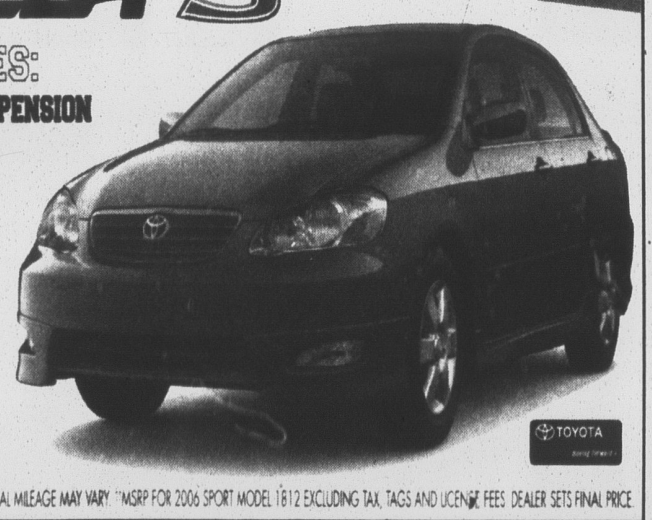

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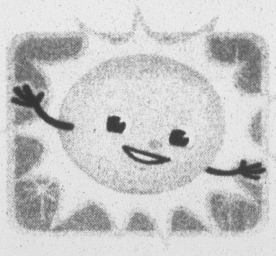

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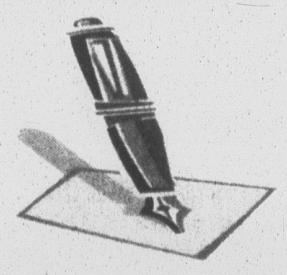

Calendar

September 30, 2005

Fall Retreat – Westminster Highlands

Ally Week

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM SGA Day: Free Food and Golf Cart Rides – Campus Center Patio (Galbreath Side) *Rain Location: Front of Orr Auditorium

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: War of the Worlds – MCC Mueller Theater

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Titan's Tavern – MCC Club/Lounge

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Dark Water – MCC Mueller Theater

October 1, 2005

Fall Retreat – Westminster Highlands

Men's and Women's Cross Country at Pitt-Greensburg Invitational

12:00 PM Women's Soccer at Washington and Jefferson

2:00 PM Volleyball at Bethany

2:00 PM Men's Soccer at Washington and Jefferson

7:00 PM Mass – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Dark Water – MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: War of the Worlds – MCC Mueller Theater

October 2, 2005

Men's Golf at Washington and Jefferson Southpointe Invitational

Fall Retreat – Westminster Highlands

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: War of the Worlds – MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Vespers (Worldwide Communion) – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – Patterson 311

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Dark Water – MCC Mueller Theater

October 3, 2005

Sorority Meetings

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

3:30 PM Women's Tennis vs. Grove City (H)

4:00 PM Women's Soccer at Waynesburg

8:00 PM Rosary Group – Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Monday Night Football: Green Bay Packers vs. Carolina Panthers – MCC Club

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes – MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

October 04, 2005

Last Day to Withdraw from a 7-Week Course (held the first half of the semester)

12:40 PM Faculty Meeting – Phillips Lecture Hall

4:00 PM Men's Soccer at Grove City

5:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Committee Meeting – MCC 352

5:00 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting – TC 315

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Alpha Gamma Delta's Tutor Auction – MCC Club/Lounge

9:30 PM Newman Club – MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

October 05, 2005

Seekers Fellowship – MCC Club/Lounge

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Rita Madarassy Akin, "From Communism to the European Union: The Hungarian Experience" – MCC Mueller Theater

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Prayer and Reflection – Wallace Memorial Chapel

3:30 PM Women's Tennis vs. Thiel (H)

7:00 PM Volleyball at Washington and Jefferson

7:00 PM Henderson Lecture: Dr. Kang-Yup Na – MCC Witherspoon Maple

7:00 PM SGA Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater

October 06, 2005

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Honors Chorus Auditions – Orr Auditorium

12:40 PM Biology Lunch/Internship Presentations – Phillips Lecture Hall

1:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Leadership Meeting – MCC 352

5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting – Patterson 231

5:30 PM Black Student Union Meeting – MCC 255

7:00 PM Mortar Board Meeting – MCC 255

8:00 PM Circle K Meeting – Patterson 231

9:00 PM Stargazing on the Roof of Hoyt – Meet in Hoyt Lobby

9:00 PM ALLIES Meeting – - MCC Mueller Theater

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

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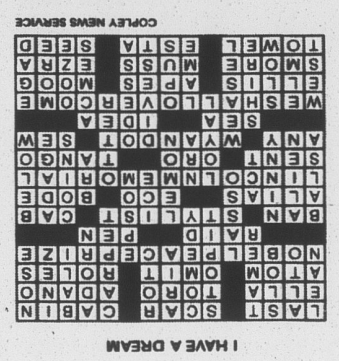

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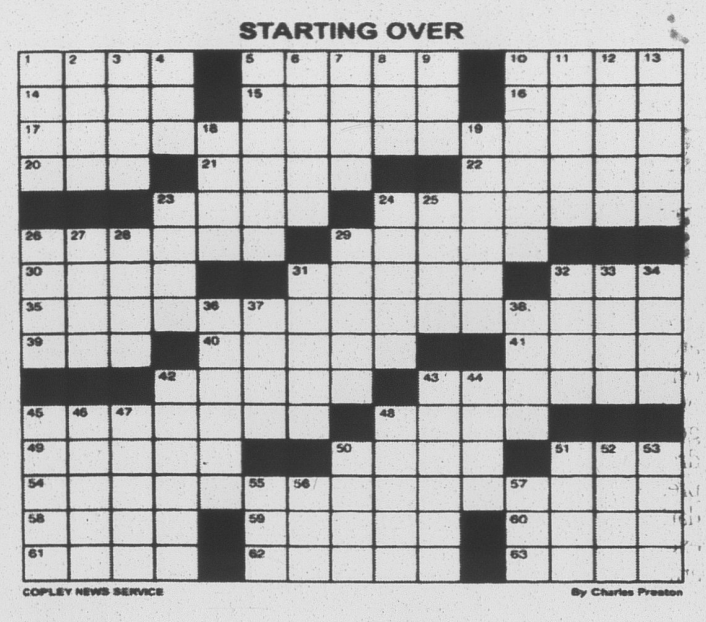

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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Financial independence is the result of patient and careful planning. Take the long, slow-and-steady approach when choosing your investments.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Step back and examine your feelings about a close, personal relationship. Do your best to be less judgmental of your partner and more understanding.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): This would be a great time to work on developing healthy new habits while eliminating the negative ones. Begin with a regular exercise program.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Energized and creative are the words that will best describe your mood this week. Take on a new and exciting project or activity and give it your all.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Take advantage of an opportunity to spend time alone and to get centered emotionally or mentally. Find a quiet place where you can relax and hear yourself think.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Thoughts without action can be self-defeating or a waste of time. Turn your vision into reality with a well designed and soon to be executed plan of action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Several of your moneymaking ideas appear to have great potential for success. Follow-up on what might be your ideal path to fortune, fame and happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Be fully alive and make the best of moments spent in the spotlight this week. Venture out before the crowd with a sense of courage and adventure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Look within and search your heart for answers to questions that you must ask yourself. This type of inner dialogue can lead to revelation and peace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Deal positively with the pressure from friends or peers who may want more from you than you are able to give. Stand strong and strive toward balance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): It is time to throw your hat into the ring professionally and to focus on getting ahead in your career. Put your best foot forward and rise above the competition.

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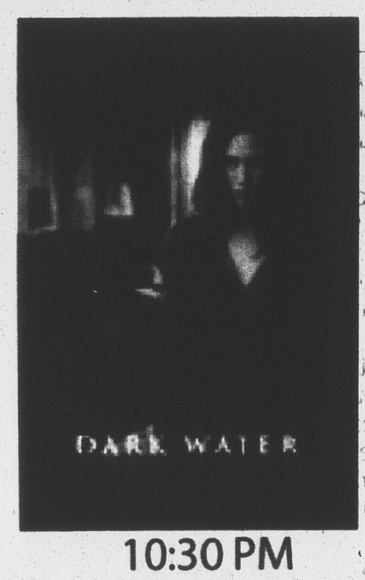

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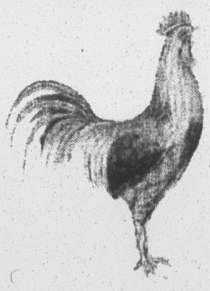

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FEATURES

CONFESSIONS OF A SORORITY SISTER

The inside scoop on rushing

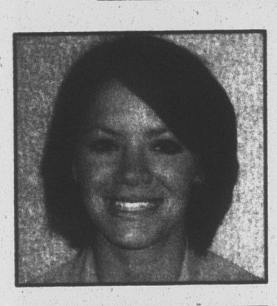
Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

Each year, sororities prepare for one of the most intense and stressful events: formal recruitment. To the outsider, recruitment may seem silly and chaotic, with sisters from each sorority dressing up, acting out skits, and chanting like a bunch of high strung cheerleaders. To the first year female student who is interested, formal recruitment is nerve-wracking, surprising and fun. I clearly recall my freshman days living in Jeffers when all I heard was "you should join this sorority" and "you definitely don't want to join that sorority". Outsiders, especially men I've noticed, like to give freshman women their opinion of where they think they best fit in. However, it is imperative for freshman to maintain perspective throughout this part of their college experience.

Five sororities call Westminster home. They are: Alpha Gamma Delta, Kappa Delta, Phi Mu, Sigma Kappa, and Zeta Tau Alpha. Each organization participates in Greek Week, raises money for philanthropic work, and donates to other charitable events. While each organization differs from all the others, the common goal is to promote Greek Life, which is a large part of the Westminster experience.

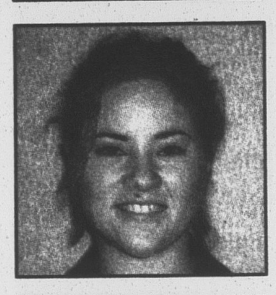
The all sorority informal recruitment party held Thursday, September 29 gave the opportunity for first year students to meet members of the five sororities. Members of each organization included President, Finance Coordinator, Philanthropy Coordinator, and the Recruitment Chair. Student Director of Recruitment Jennifer Ramsey had good reasons for the joint party. "We really want to try to get girls interested in Greek Life and having this party with all of the sororities present gave the freshman an accurate picture of what each sorority is like, instead of the stereotypes that they might have heard of or think themselves. We are definitely not like the show "Sorority Life", which is what I had in mind when I first came to college," said Ramsey.

Any interested first year and independent women are welcome to attend the informal recruitment parties, the dates are to your right. Getting to know the sororities early will be quite helpful when it comes time for formal recruitment, held right after winter break. I recommend that every female freshman go through formal recruitment, if for no other reason than to say you met over 300 upperclass women. Happy rushing!



Alpha Gamma Delta

Oct. 25 & Nov. 29



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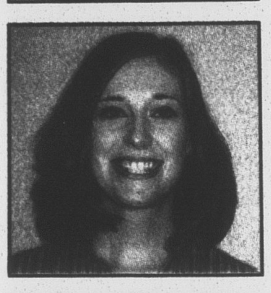
Oct. 12 & Nov. 17



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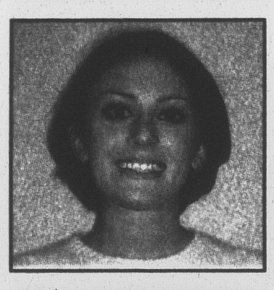

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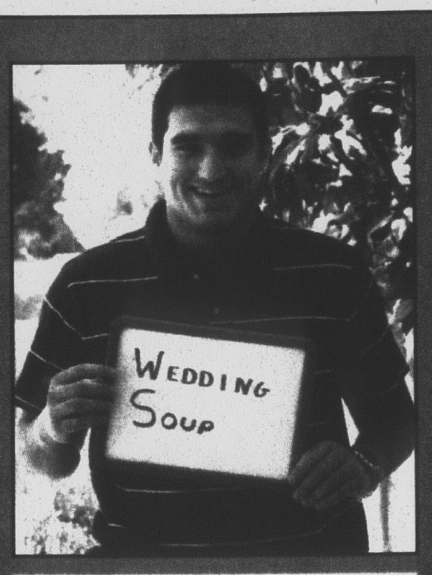
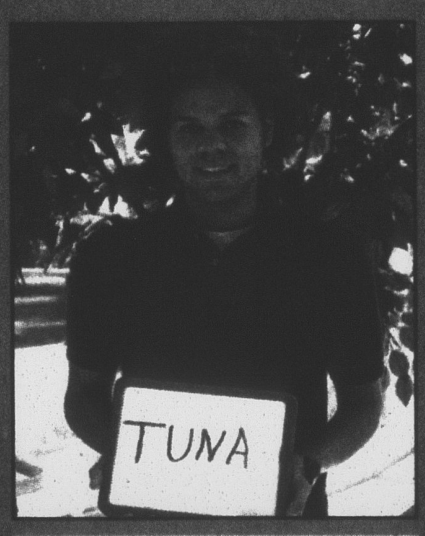
Question of the Week:

What's the healthiest thing you've eaten today?

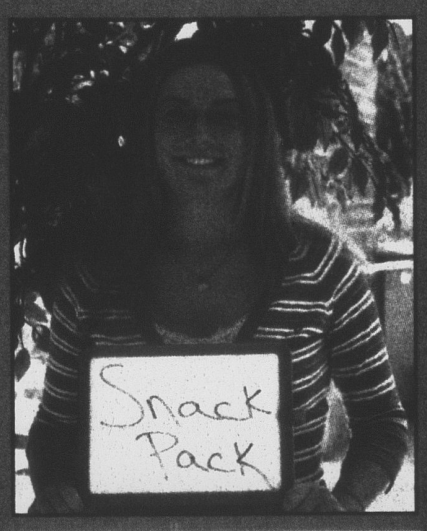
Jessie Postel, junior



Dan Berardeli, freshman



Bill Sadler, sophomore



Rhiannon Mondale, sophomore

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Q&A with divine right

Titan Eye Candy

The King & Queen take us into their world

Tiffany Smith,
Zeta Tau Alpha

Lee Scott,
Theta Chi

Photos by Laura DellAntonio

Homecoming Queen Tiffany Smith is no amateur to the spotlight. A junior Molecular biologly major, Tiffany is involved with Zeta Tau Alpha and serves as their Vice President of Membership, Fresh Start, Tri Beta, Student Alumni Association, SWAT, and the cheerleading squad. Tiffany was certainly surprised at her win on Homecoming Day. "I was shocked and it was over and done with so fast. I was watching a tape of it, and I don't even remember it. It was a good experience," she said.

Tiffany is a New Castle native and has two brothers and a sister. Her favorite fast food is Subway, and her friends would be surprised to learn that she doesn't like to sleep in or take naps. Her plans after graduation include going to veterinary school. Although Tiffany attended the popular Rolling Stones concert on Wednesday, September 28, she says her favorite music is Dave Matthews Band. Tiffany's favorite part about being a Zeta sister is "sharing great memories with my sisters and supporting such an important philanthropy."

Homecoming King Lee Scott called his win "surprising, very surprising, but in a good way." This Butler resident and history major is an only child and serves as the chaplain for Theta Chi. He also serves as a Student Associate Trustee on the Board of Trustees, Student Government Senator, Resident Assistant, President of the Mortar Board, Treasurer of the Frisbee Club, and choir.

Lee's favorite fast food resturaunt is the Tub and after graduation he plans "to go wherever God leads me." His friends might be surprised to learn that Lee lives on a cattle farm with lots of dogs and cats.

Lee says that Theta Chi has played an important role in his life. "I love my brothers. They're the greatest brothers around. We are a true brotherhood, we are always there each for other. Theta Chi stands for a helping hand."

His favorite Westminster memo is particpating in the past two concert choir tours.

Who's enamored with Franz Ferdinand?

The Holcad has the hookup on their New Album

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

I hate to say it, but this week my article is not on some sort of random piece of clothing. A friend of mine, or shall we say a very recent ex-boyfriend of mine, sent me this CD from Texas last week and it's so great I have to tell you about it. The source of this sacred CD is unknown but I'm sure our friend the internet was the sole provider. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the band Franz Ferdinand, they are British and awesome. I believe that sums them up quite well plus the fact that when you hear their music, you get this great urge to dance. Their new album's release date is October 4 and is titled *You Could Have It So Much Better.*

The sophomore CD sounds quite different from their last. I found this record heavier, more passionate and even a little diverse in sound. The songs range from heavy guitar riffs to even a 'snap your fingers and tap your foot,' pop jingle. Their lyrics have become ballots to tragedy, love, and violence. In fact, this album is as quirky as the outfits they wear.

I found only one song that I would not be able to move my feet to, well unless slow dancing was on my agenda for the night. The song is called *Outsiders* and is the last track on the cd. It begins with a melodic intro of acoustic guitar and piano and continues throughout with the lead singer Alex's' calming voice asking its listener to "fade forever" with him. It is one of my favorite songs on the album. On the other hand, their song *Do You Want To*, will get you in the party mood with the steady bass of the drum a moving guitar part. This song is featured on their main webpage, their myspace site, and also on the Sony Music page. Some might guess this might be their first single, but who can say for sure.

If you are not familiar with FF, you might remember their MTV hit Take Me Out. Members Alex, Nick, Bob, and Paul got together in 2001 in the city of Glasgow and decided to create a type of music that girls can dance to. Franz Ferdinand set up shop on the sixth floor of an old warehouse that they perfectly named the Chateau. They played their first show there, but were rudely interrupted by some party crashers otherwise known as the cops. This meant FF had to find a new place to create noise. They found a courtroom nearby and the building soon became a sort of venue for Franz Ferdinand and other artists. Thus, a great band was born in the United Kingdom.

Domino Records, who supports British independent bands, soon took FF under their label. People caught on to their poppy yet so original sound and the band soon found themselves traveling all around the world. FF are prize winners of all sorts of awards such as Mercury Music, MTV, and Ivor Novello.

Preorders for their new album are available on mtv.com where you can also preview parts of *You Could Have It So Much Better.* Remember, be on the look out for the release on October 4. If you are in the mood for a road trip, the closest they play to Westminster this year is on October 5 in Philadelphia at Tower Theatre. Soon after FF will be off to France, Germany, and England and last time I checked, there's an ocean separating us from them.

Natalie Coccia is a junior media art major/PR minor despite the fact that she has not taken time to declare either at the registrar. As of now, she is struggling with her love-hate relationship with Myspace.

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The members of Franz Ferdinand at the Grammy Awards

The Holcad

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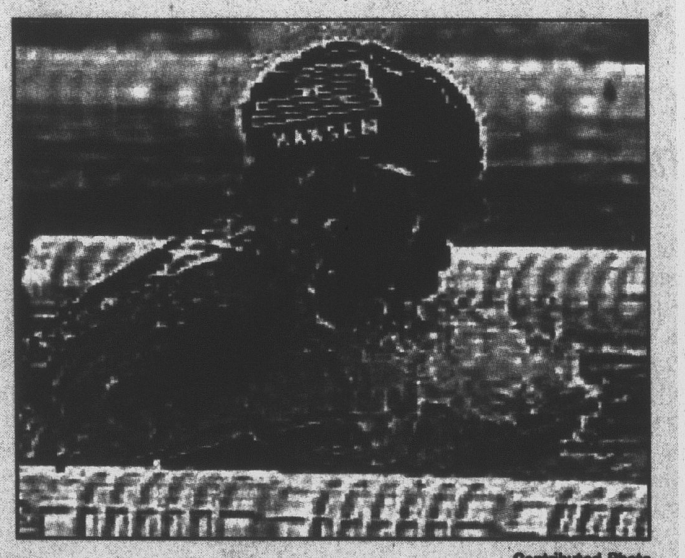

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Washing up on Westminsterian shore

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Campus statistic of the week

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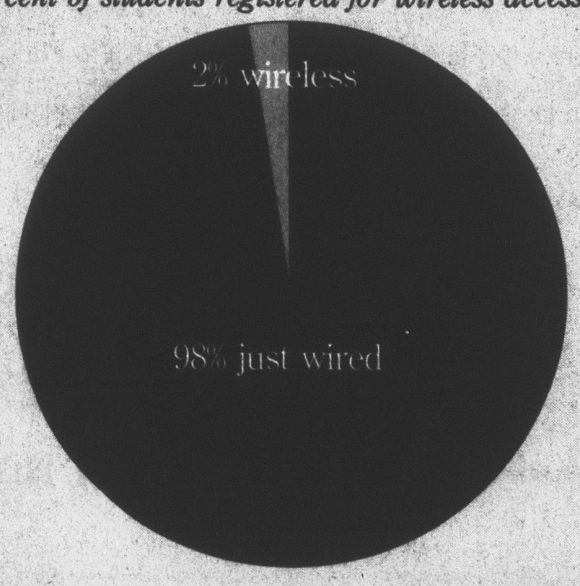

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Weekend Weather from the Accuweather ®

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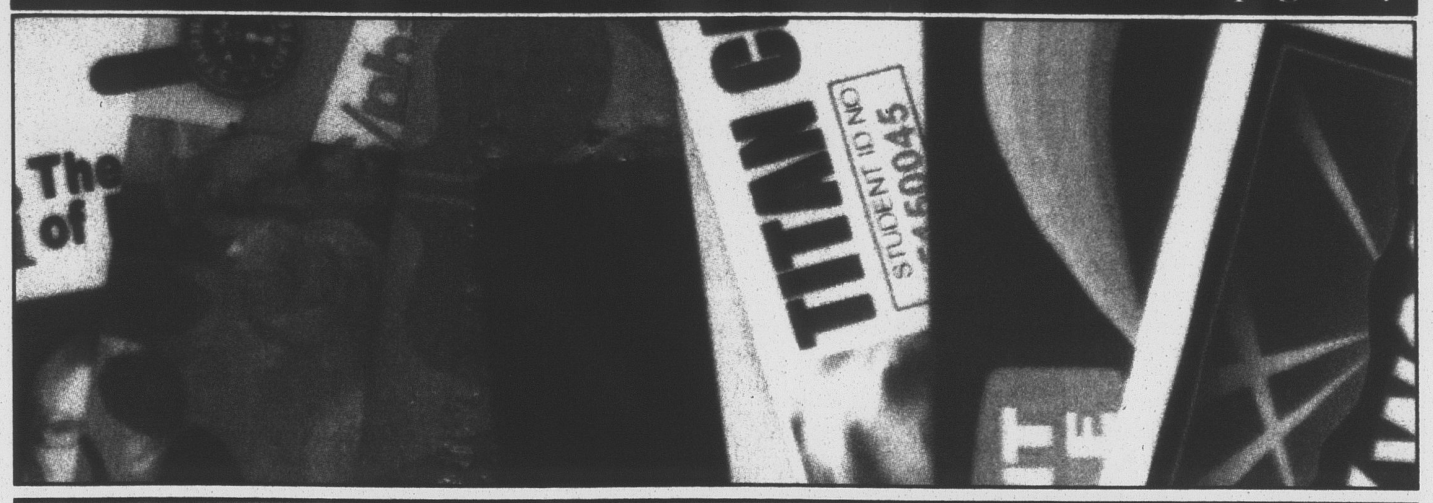

Digging for townhouse treasure?

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Photo by Chelsea Boecker

Movin' dirt

Earth-moving equipment such as bulldozers, backhoes, and dump trucks have been clearing the area where the townhouses are to be built.

Police unzipping new leads in local flasher case

By Alex Hines
Campus Writer

There's one situation happening on campus that should never happen to anyone.

Picture this: You're walking down from your dorm in Hillside Hall with a few friends, chatting about whatever happens to be on your mind, when you see an old pickup truck approach you from Beechwood Road or Market Street. All of a sudden, it pulls up even with you, the truck slows down, and a complete stranger stands up in the car while driving and exposes himself to you. He then sits back down and races away down the street.

Disturbing, isn't it? Unfortunately, this is exactly the sequence of events that has happened to a few students in recent weeks.

An unidentified man has been flashing women on the street in his reportedly old and beat-up pickup truck while driving. He pulls away quickly after exposing himself. According to Dean Lechner, these incidents began occurring somewhere between Sept. 23-25. The first person to report such an incident to the New Wilmington Police Department was actually an Amish lady who provided a similar description to the one provided by those college students who were flashed.

New Wilmington Police Chief Carmen Piccirillo added that a few other incidents have been reported in the New Wilmington area to add to the reports from campus. One incident under investigation by the Mercer County State Police occurred on Leesburg Station Road, and a second, which is being investigated by the New Castle Police, occurred nearby on Wilson Mill Road. The various police departments are also coordinating their efforts in the investigation.

"We have some very good information to work with right now," stated Piccirillo.

They still have a bit more to investigate before action can be taken. Right now the

see FLASHER, page A-4

Campus comes together for 'saucy' affair

By Winnie Limmer
Campus Writer

The Concert Choir will host the fifth annual Music and Meatballs the evening of October 7 at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church.

The event, which will consist of three 50-minute shows, raises money to defray costs of the annual tour. Some members of the choir will sing while others serve a spaghetti dinner to patrons. Each choir member is not only assigned a job for the event, but each is also required to serve on one of the four preparation committees: decorations, entertainment, food, and public relations. Dr. Robin Lind, director of the choir and assistant professor of music, admits to playing a minor role in the planning and execution of the event.

"The students do everything," Lind said. "They create the advertisements, decorate the church, buy and serve the food, and wash the dishes."

Though the spaghetti and meatballs can always be counted upon, the theme is different each year. This year, the choir will be transforming the church's basement into a New York City jazz club. Junior Amy Gregg, head of the decorations committee, likes the theme and eagerly undertook the task of setting the scene for the event, as well as for the tour.

"Because the theme of Music and Meatballs is based upon the upcoming choir tour, it puts us in the mood and gets us excited about what is to come in January," Gregg said.

The event prepares choir members for the mental and physical demands of tour. It allows them to bond via hard work while serving as ambassadors of the College - very similar to what they do on tour. Though the event will only be three hours long, preparation began months ago, and choir members will spend the larger part of Friday decorating, rehearsing, and cooking. Fifth-year Maggie Muir, head server, looks forward to the hard work.

"By the end of the night, I'm exhausted but totally satiated, not only from eating so much, but also from having a blast singing, bonding with other [choir] members, representing our choir and college, and seeing the results of a job well done," Muir said.

The money raised is not the only legacy of the event. Junior John Buco, master of ceremonies, believes that the event unites the choir.

"Up until this point, we haven't spent more than a few hours a week together," Buco said. "The only thing that brings us closer together is tour."

The choir will be touring the Northeastern U.S. in January, with stops to include Harrisburg, Philadelphia, New York City, and Baltimore.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact Dr. Robin Lind at lindra@westminster.edu.

opinions/editorials

Rant & Rave

TUB: Please bring back the Green Tea! It's the heathiest thing that's sold!

Does your mother still hang out at dockside bars?

Do you like baseball?

I can't believe she called me a "Deep Throat!"

...my little steak...

Love me at a medium pace

Was Kelly Clarkson an alumnus of Westminster? Because she gets alot of air time on Titan Radio.

It's a Zen thing, like how many babies fit in a tree.

The squirrels on campus scare me.

Overflowing garbage cans...gross!

I closed my eyes for a second and all I could see were DDR arrows... Rock!

Oh my god! There goes another lemming.

"When I say the word attack," hack the nearest prof out the nearest window. Then run to the nearest exit.

Cat ears & tails scare me! Don't wear them!

It was interesting to watch a prof walk out of the TUB without paying.

Who cleaned up after you this summer?

I want a fountain pen: the kind that stands up and says something official, like "Westminster College" something impressive and snazzy, and people ask if they can borrow your pen and you very graciously lend it out and you look all official and gracious and all.

French fries and soft pretzels are not nachos.

We need new carpet in club lounge and club room.

Alumni rock! Don't diss alumni!

Don't make me turn this campus around!

She's got more bounce than California.

A & W Cream Soda...flippin' sweet.

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Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Putting my best face forward?

Is Facebook driving wedges between true friendships?

Kathryn Larson
Co-editor-in-chief

Hello, my name is Kathryn Larson and I have an addiction to Facebook. At current, I've taken residence on Facebook for more than five months and have "added" 166 so-called campus friends and about 75 from other distinguished colleges.

I liken Facebook to drinking the entire box of wine. It's cheap, easy to find and, sure, it's all fun and games. Who wouldn't want to meet new people, entertain poking wars, or even occasionally return to a stir-crazy message.

But, after a while, it borders on obsessive. You basically become insouciant towards all the things you used to love like *Nip/Tuck*, your Titan Radio shift, *Pride & Prejudice* discussion, any book -but never never *The* Facebook. And that brings you back to here: a rut on the floor with only a cold computer screen glaring back at you.

I can't help it, sensitive reader, but I feel out of my milieu if every morning, afternoon and evening I don't refresh my page.

Along with refreshing my page, I've developed several nasty habits. For example, if I find no new sub rosa message, I'll try to curry favor with someone in hopes of sparking a new reply for my page.

If I have no new wallpaper comment, I snarl.

If there are no new friends after a day of recruiting or placing another hot picture of myself on the page, I am bewildered enough to down another box of wine or bark viciously at the computer screen.

As you can tell, this is an extremely cruel cycle. But as I look for help, I find no 12 step program. Where is Facebook Anonymous? I desperately need an "FA" meeting, and gentle readers, I have no way to ply my fingers from this vexing typing board. In fact, as I click onwards in hope of forging new friendships, the jaunt walk across the keys only impedes my progress in attempting to develop real human relationships.

I welcome any ideas to fix the following quagmires Facebook has created in my life:

The Facebook faux pas:

Quandary 1: *The Facebook Fracas*

Beating your roommates friend's number is not a good idea. If you need to "one up" your roommate, you've got a problem. I guess this gives new meaning to fighting for your friends.

Quandary 2: *Facebook isn't hotornot.com*

I hate when people I don't know read my keywords and then send me personal messages like: "Ur SOOo leik hot!!! I luv kyly Minoge an I can be ur Mr Darcey!!1!1!!one!1!" That's not fetch.

Quandary 3: *Finding Dorian Gray & assaulting my roommate in the aftermath*

This final event served as the reason for writing this op/ed. On Monday, my Dorian Gray took the action of "facebooking" me. ((Editor's note: I think it's high time Webster's give proper status to the verb "facebooking".)) Anyhow, I was utterly shocked- shocked enough to show my roommate Dorian Gray's facebook portrait. But to my shock, she intrepidly decided, in an attempt to override my higher friend count, to facebook him. I went crazy. So, in a swirl of ire, I lashed out, -cursed the high heavens, and slapped her upper arm- hard. She backed down, this time, fortunately and didn't "friend" him. Then, she looked sullen. She reproached my actions by ignoring me all day long. Clearly, the Facebook causes physical as well as verbal assault.

Fortunately, my roommate and I have since made up by "wallpapering" diplomatic messages to each other.

Still, these are just a few of my own examples illustrating how Facebook has brought me to this sad demise. Now, after all this, I just don't know how I'm going to put my best face forward.

Kathryn is a senior broadcast communications and English major. She calls herself "Lady Kathryn" on Titan Radio because when she was 14 she dated a British lord. No kidding! He later turned out to be gay, but she kept the birthday necklace and the naming rights.

Somebody say something

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

Getting the campus to act on something is harder than getting a dead bird to drive a car. Not only do they have no desire to drive the cars, but they've been dead long enough to claim rigor mortis.

For weeks now, I have been writing articles about the campus. I have written about how the majority of the school acts like it doesn't care about its students, I've written about the shoddy internal conditions of the dorms and I wrote about the lack of communication among everyone here. Plus, I wrote about dead fish. You get the idea.

I have not received any letters; no response from any of you or even one letter in support or against anything I wrote. If you don't believe in what I say, that's fine. I always want other people's opinions. I want to see someone react. Love or hate mail is fine. Just give me something.

Of course, when another writer wrote an article that had a witty comment poking fun at the Greeks, it was like World War III. People were mad about the comment, a letter was sent in, and there was pandemonium.

So, I want to ask you students something now: When did the organizations you joined become more important than life at Westminster? When did the decision to become Greek or stay independent become all that matters? It's sick, to tell you the truth.

I figure the only way to get any kind of response out of you guys is to insult everyone. That's the only way to get anyone riled up. So, here goes. You wanted it, here it is.

Greeks: You guys are creepy. Guess what? Large groups of people wearing "GO GREEK" t-shirts and chanting about how much better they are than any other organization seems horribly elitist. Stop it.

Independents: What the heck are you guys thinking? If you want to participate in Greek events, then by all means go Greek. There are plenty of organizations to try. However, if your idea of doing something is to sit by and whine about how they don't pay attention to you, then do us all a favor and be quiet.

There is a rift between Greek and independents. It's sad, but true. It has existed for as long as I've been here and probably longer. However, maybe if we all learn to respect each other and not ignore/complain about the others, then maybe that'll be fixed.

And hey, I just gave you guys some common ground. Now you all hate me. Good. Use that, band together, and let's get something done.

As I look at it, I'm just doing what needs done. Judge me if you will, but something needs to get the ball rolling. Wake up, students. There are bigger fish to fry.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. He spends most of his spare time nursing an addiction to "Kool-Aid Jammers" and creating insane theories about dinosaurs. If you see him on campus, give him a cookie. This will please him, as well as shut him up until you can escape.

Letter to the Editor

Neither men's nor women's cross country recieves funding from school, either

I would like to comment on the article in last week's Holcad regarding cheerleading funding. While cheerleading is not considered a sport on campus, there are various sports who don't receive excessive and sometimes necessary funding. Take for example the Cross country team. While the team only has one uniform, and shares warm-up suits with the track team, one must not neglect the miles put on their shoes on a weekly basis. The women's team on average will run and estimated 30 miles a week, the men's team even more, substantially wearing the tread on sneakers, necessary to prevent injury. The school does reimburse the team members $50 per season for shoes, which covers one pair, and only if they are found on super sale. At the least, two pairs are required, one for practices and one for actual competitions. A bad pair of sneakers may cause shin splints, bunions, stress fractures, turning of ankles, and all over sore muscles just to name a few of the ailments. The majority of the team will go through 3-4 pairs in a season, and that is sparingly. While running our best to support our school and win, one can only run so far and so hard when the soles of sneakers offer no protection from the course. Let it also be known that the cross country team is not taking its traditional overnight trip to a competitive meet outside of the area, which is in fact, saving the team (and school) money. So fear not cheerleaders, you're not the only ones suffering in lieu of lacking funds. Thank you!

Maggie Muir
Senior

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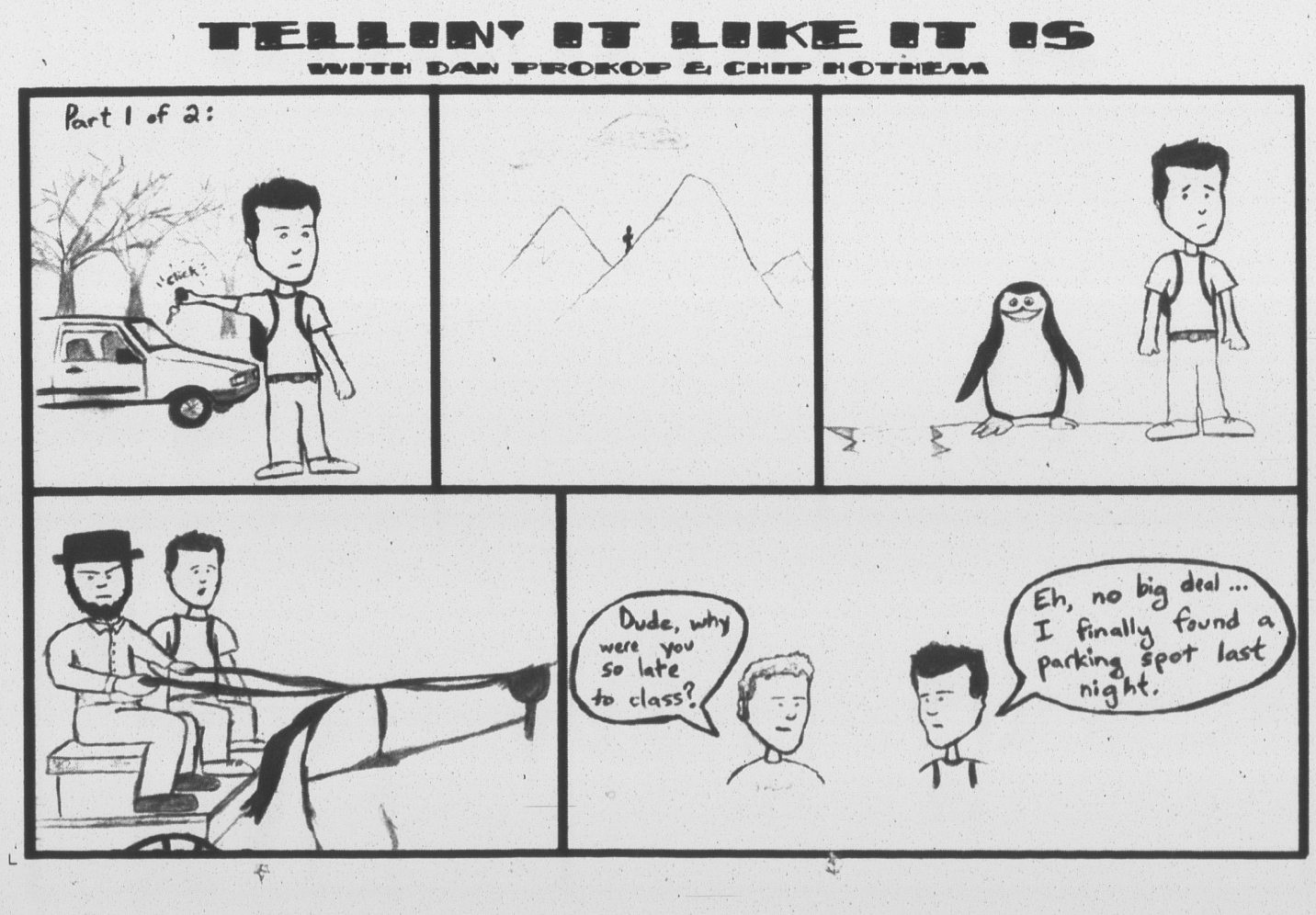

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DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Big Bucks Raised at Firemen's Auction

The annual New Wilmington Firemen's Auction held last Saturday was a success again this year. Organizers say the amount of money raised at least matches what was raised last year–that means at least $85,000. The exact total won't be known until next Wednesday's VFD meeting.

High Rise Fire Send Senior Citizens To Hospital

A fire at a five-story senior living high rise in New Castle on West Moody Avenue sent senior citizens scrambling last night. Paramedics rushed at least 15 people to the hospital for smoke inhalation 100 people were evacuated from the Lawrence Manor senior living complex. New Castle fire officials say fire gutted a fourth floor apartment, but they kept it from spreading. They suspect a smoldering cigarette on a couch may have started the blaze.

Frat House Blamed for Neighborhood Trash

An angry neighbor voiced her opinion at the New Wilmington Borough council meeting Monday night. Patricia Graney of Meadowbrook Drive wants the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity to pick up their trash. Graney says the garbage is blowing all over the neighborhood. Several solutions were proposed by members of the council, all of which will cost the fraternity some extra cash. Mayor Wendell Wagner says they were already fined twice for garbage and brush. If they are fined again, it could be upwards of $600.

LaGrotta Proposes Minimum Wage Legislation

Minimum Wage may not rise in 2005, but State Representative Frank Lagrotta of Lawrence County is working to raise the wage to reflect the cost of living by 2008. His proposed plan is to raise the meager $5.15/hour to $6.25 by the first of next year...and then raise it again to $7.15 by 2007.

Weaver's WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1. Who was the late August Wilson?
   a. A Pittsburgh native & Pulitzer winning playwright.
   b. A Cleveland native & Pulitzer winning poet.
   c. A New York native & Pulitzer winning journalist.
   d. A Chicago native & Pulitzer winning photographer.
   e. A Detroit native & Pulitzer winning cartoonist.

2. What will the New Wilmington VFD do with the money raised during the annual firefighters' auction?
   a. Build a new fire station.
   b. Pay for new fire hydrants.
   c. Fund upgrades to the borough's water system.
   d. Buy new firefighting equipment.
   e. Buy carbon monoxide detectors for area schools.

3. What flavored candy does a proposed Pennsylvania law seek to ban?
   a. beer-flavored
   b. marijuana-flavored
   c. crack-flavored
   d. heroin-flavored
   e. whisky-flavored

4. Identify the team the Pittsburgh Penguins lost to in the team's Thursday night season opener?
   a. Detroit Redwings
   b. New Jersey Devils
   c. Philadelphia Flyers
   d. St. Louis Blues
   e. New York Rangers

5. Who is Harriet E. Miers?
   a. The governor of Louisiana.
   b. An accused White House spy.
   c. The lawyer for Congressman Tom Delay.
   d. The driver of a van that collided with actress Lindsay Lohan's car in a traffic accident in West Hollywood this week.
   e. White House counsel & U.S. Supreme Court nominee.

6. What issue is at the center of a complaint made to the New Wilmington Borough council this week by a resident at odds with the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity?
   a. Loud music at night.
   b. Streaking during parties.
   c. Trash in the neighborhood.
   d. Rats near the dumpster.
   e. Illegal street parking.

1).A,2).D,3).B4).B,5).E,6).C

Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations instructor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with dubious current event quizzes.

REGIONAL

Pa. bats Pennsylvania Sluggers?

In the woods of Pennsylvania grow Louisville Sluggers

RUSSELL, Pa. (AP) - They may be stamped "Louisville," but the official bat of Major League Baseball has Pennsylvania roots.

Here in the woods along the Pennsylvania-New York border, the terrain, the soil and the climate provide the perfect growing conditions for the ash and maple that become Louisville Sluggers.

But even then, many of the trees aren't good enough to make it into the big leagues.

Before they become bats, they become billets _ 40-inch cylinder-shaped pieces of wood that look like undersized fence posts. Of these, only about 5 percent end up in the majors. The rest are consigned to lesser players.

The process all starts on 8,500 acres of timberland in northern Pennsylvania and New York owned and managed by Larimer & Norton, a division of Louisville Slugger's parent company.

Forest managers clear out undesired species and trees of poor quality but otherwise let nature do its thing. No seedlings are planted.

"We try to massage the forest so that it will reproduce the species we desire," says Jack Buckler, timberlands manager.

Much of the timberland is owned as investment property, so it's just as likely a tree will have a future life as a piece of furniture or flooring.

The trees chosen to become bats are shipped off to company mills to be processed into billets, which have a diameter of 3 inches.

After initial shaping, they are stacked on pallets and placed into a large kiln where industrial-sized fans circulate warm air to reduce moisture. After about a month, they are removed and reshaped because the drying process makes them somewhat oval.

Once a week, a truck picks up 7,000 to 8,000 billets and hauls them to Louisville, Ky., where an electronically controlled lathe shapes them into bats and workers finish them off to a variety of specifications. Most are shipped to retail stores because of some barely perceptible imperfection.

At a company mill in Akeley, Pa., Jeff Eckman picked up a freshly drilled ash billet and points out the attributes that make it fit for the pros: The growth rings are even and close together, the blonde wood is uniform in color, free of knots and blemishes and the grain runs true the entire length.

"The baseball players demand even space growth rings," Buckler says.

Major league ballplayers are a choosy lot: On average, they order 120 bats for a season but reject about half, said Chuck Schupp, director of pro baseball for Louisville Slugger, which supplies more than 60 percent of the bats used in the league.

To see if a bat "feels" right, players will tap bats on the ground or tap a ball against the bat.

"There's a lot of leeway in what's physical reality and what's perceived reality for players," Schupp said. "I question even when a player says, 'This is not a gamer.' Well, why isn't it a gamer?"

Lately, professional baseball players have been switching to maple instead of long-favored ash.

Schupp said the shift began about six years ago when Barry Bonds turned to maple bats made by Canada's SAM Bat.

Now, 48 percent of bats supplied by Louisville Slugger to MLB players are made of maple, Schupp said. Maple is harder than ash and players say that helps the ball fly off the bat. Players also believe maple is more durable than ash.

Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder Jason Bay, who won last season's National League Rookie of the Year award, said he prefers maple bats in part because of their durability.

NATIONAL

Proponent of African American Drama greatly missed

Playwright August Wilson, a master storyteller and playwright, dies at age 60

NEW YORK (AP) - August Wilson was a master storyteller, a playwright who fashioned his tales of the black struggle in 20th-century America into a monumental 10-play cycle, one of the most ambitious in modern drama.

"He was a poet and a musician with words," said Gordon Davidson, who, as artistic director of the Center Theatre Group in Los Angeles, produced eight of the 10 plays. "He knew the rhythms of speech and how you tell a story. He was especially interested in what you owe to history, and how it's in your bones."

Wilson died Sunday at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, less than two months after he announced he had inoperable liver cancer. He was 60.

Among his plays were "Fences," the writer's biggest Broadway hit, "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" and "The Piano Lesson." At the time of his death, Wilson was still working on the last play in the cycle, "Radio Golf," which recently closed in Los Angeles and will have productions next year in Seattle, Baltimore and several other cities.

Wilson thought big. His plays were often epic, filled with rich, idiosyncratic language and memorable characters, steeped in the past, trying to survive in the present and wondering about the future.

It took Wilson more than two decades to complete his cycle, one play for each decade. He grapples with major themes _ from the effects of slavery on those who could still remember the Civil War to a burgeoning middle-class on the cusp of the 21st century.

"The goal was to get them down on paper," he told The Associated Press during an interview in April 2005 as he was completing "Radio Golf."

"It was fortunate when I looked up and found I had the two bookends to go. I didn't plan it that way. I was able to connect the two plays."

Those plays, "Gem of the Ocean" and "Radio Golf," took place at the beginning and end of the century. Both were directed by Kenny Leon.

"We've lost a great writer _ I think the greatest writer that our generation has seen and I've lost a dear, dear friend and collaborator," said Leon, adding that Wilson's work, "encompasses all the strength and power that theater has to offer. I feel an incredible sense of responsibility on walking how he would want us to walk and delivering his work."

Actors, too, found extraordinary satisfaction in Wilson's plays _ diverse, fully developed characters who attracted such accomplished performers as James Earl Jones, Phylicia Rashad, Laurence Fishburne, Angela Bassett, Brian Stokes Mitchell, S. Epatha Merkerson and Leslie Uggams.

INTERNATIONAL

Indian students killed

Police open fire on protesting Indian students, killing 12

GAUHATI, India (AP) - Police opened fire on stone-throwing students in two towns Friday in northeastern India, killing 12 of them protesting a government decision to shift a state education board to an area dominated by a different tribe, authorities said.

More than 100 others, including 54 police, were injured in the two protests, both of which turned violent when the students began throwing stones and attacking officers sent to keep watch over them, said the home minister of Meghalaya state, Mukul Sangma.

"Hundreds of students marching in two district towns in protest against a government decision turned violent and attacked policemen and magistrates on duty with stones and other missiles, forcing the police to open fire," he told The Associated Press.

Following the protests in Tura and William Nagar, authorities imposed curfews in the towns, both of which are dominated by people from the Garo tribe, Sangma said.

The students were protesting a government decision to move the Meghalaya State Education Board from Tura to Shillong, a city dominated by the Khasi tribe, he said.

The Education Board oversees the school syllabus and conducts the examinations in Meghalaya, a remote state of fewer than 2 million people.

Five protesters died at the scene of the shootings in Tura while four others were killed in nearby William Nagar, Sangma said.

Another three students died of injuries at hospitals in the two towns, located about 124 miles west of Gauhati, the capital of the adjoining Assam state and one of northeastern India's major cities.

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Rocket Men

Tuesday October 4th, during the teaching science class, Dr. Krantz's students filled two-liter bottles with water and air to shoot upwards. The class was testing altitude and hangtime. No injuries were reported.

En route to mailroom, packages, envelopes lost

By Kathryn Stanley
Campus Writer

Open packages, lost mail, delay on receiving items are thoughts that often come to students' minds when thinking of mailroom, but, they often forget that many hands process a single piece of mail before it is received at the college.

A day in the mailroom is not what may be expected. According to mailroom supervisor and eleven year employee Debbie White, the letters from home do not sit for days on end and build up, nor do packages that are delivered from Federal Express, DHL or UPS. Intercampus mail is distributed constantly throughout the day.

"Priority mail gets here around 10:30 a.m. and is sorted and distributed immediately, and intercampus mail is always coming and going," White said.

Packages from FedEx and other companies are delivered to the mailroom throughout the day. The pink cards, which are given out for deliveries requiring signatures, are filled out and distributed to mailboxes asking students to pick up their mail at the door.

"I had received a pink card, so I took it to the counter but they could not find my package," sophomore Eugene Cunningham said.

The trouble with opened mail does not rest completely on the mailroom. White says that the letters go through many hands before it gets to them, and they often receive mail that is already opened.

"I strongly recommend that students do not send cash through the mail, and to make sure their family is equally aware of this," White said.

There is something students and staff can do if they do not receive an item in the mail. The office has lost letter forms to be filled out, but they are rather lengthy and require great detail.

"I encourage students and staff to fill it out at the post office from which it was sent," White said.

Not every student has had a problem with the mailing system though. Freshman Shauna Oles said that she has yet to run into trouble with opened or missing mail.

"I have received four packages this semester. Each one was unopened and on time," Oles said.

The mailroom can do any type of mailing from campus except for insured mail. During the week, the mailroom is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Help desk restructured, separated for quicker assistance

By Sarah Kramer
Campus Writer

It's not called the Help Desk anymore, but computer help is just four digits away.

As of Sept. 15, information systems changed its user support structure. The extension is still the same, 6900, but students and faculty are now routed through an automated calling system. Director of Information Systems Paul Wallace sent an all-campus email about the change.

"It's essentially the same," Wallace said. "We've put in place now, through the call center, some options on the selection menu so that we can help point students to certain problems that they might be able to resolve on their own more quickly."

Students using the call menu will be directed to a menu. The recording coaches them through certain problems.

Students can get help with password and account issues, problems with college-recommended laptops, problems with outside access, TitanNet issues, R: drive problems, or simply to speak with the call center staff.

The technician desk, formerly known as the help desk, is staffed with 15 students. These students will assist faculty, staff, and students after they are directed through the call center.

The department created the new system for two reasons: as a response to the new student employment changes and to allow students with advanced computer experience working at the technician desk to focus on more technical work.

"We no longer have computer lab proctors," Wallace said.

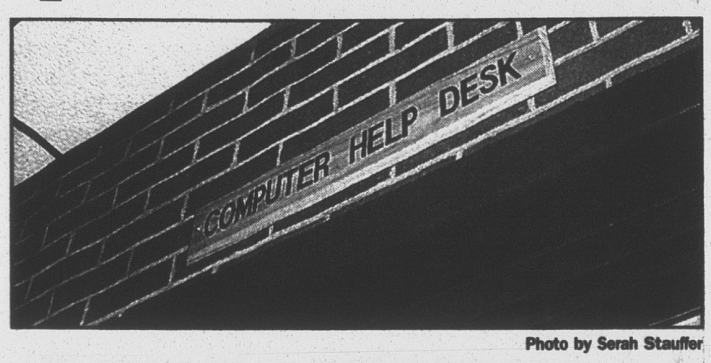
Instead, many former computer lab proctors now work at the call center. Aside from helping with calls, these students also maintain the computer labs.

Students have mixed responses about the new procedures.

"As long as the services offered to students haven't changed, it doesn't really matter to me how I get the services," fifth-year Matt Connolly said.

Senior Josh Hensler worried that the new system will be confusing.

"The email that was sent out seems confusing," Hensler said. "It makes me wonder how confusing this new phone system will be. I just don't want to get the run around."



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The sign may still say "COMPUTER HELP DESK," but students should call the call center before trekking to Hoyt for the quickest solution to their computer problems.

Town Titan cards could soon see promising future

By Steve Saul
Campus Writer

Using your Titan card to purchase items in town might become a possibility sooner than later.

The college, along with local businesses in town, is trying to set up a system where students can purchase items by swiping their very own titan cards. The idea was thought to be dead a few weeks ago. However, it just might become a reality.

"In a recent *Holcad* story, it was said that the SGA had dropped the ball on the use of titan dollars in town," SGA finance chair Rachel Donner said. "That is not true. We the SGA, along with the college, are trying to make this work."

The confusion might have begun when college President R. Thomas Williamson wasn't completely sold on the idea a few weeks ago. "President Williamson was luke-warm on the idea," Donner said. "The SGA cannot make this happen without the college's support and guidance." Now, with President Williamson and the college's support, the idea looks promising.

Along with the college, head of the chamber of commerce of New Wilmington Tom McKinley is working to help make this idea a reality. The local businesses are more than willing to cooperate with the college. "Ultimately, the use of titan cards in town is going to help out the small local businesses," Donner said.

The college has already started to raise funds for the installation of titan card machines and services for prospective businesses. As of now, the college is not sure which businesses will be involved. The SGA will have a survey on the college website to try and find out in which businesses the students prefer to have the titan card machines installed.

The machines will work by allowing students to buy items by using their titan dollars on their titan cards. Dine dollars will not be used in purchasing items. "I think that being able to use your titan dollars is a good thing, because it's usually your parents who put the money on you card and not you," sophomore SGA member Kial Vidic said.

No matter what, the idea of using your titan card to purchase things seems like a good idea. "It would be easier to use my titan card to buy something than using money," sophomore Brett Ziegler said. "Plus, I will be spending my parents' money instead of my own."

Gadfly of New Wilmington

Assistant professor of religion discusses metaphor from a Biblical perspective

By Leanna Stitt
Staff Writer

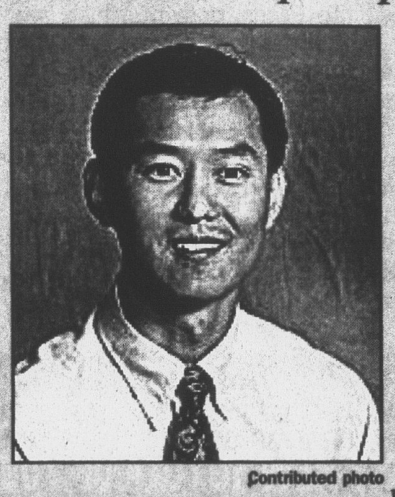
Dr. Na hopes this year's Henderson lecture serves as the "gadfly of New Wilmington," challenging the academic and faith community to deeply consider various matters of virtue.

Selected out of numerous faculty nominations and proposals, Dr. Kang-Yup Na, assistant professor of religion, received the opportunity to present his research and theories to the campus-at-large.

Although it required much hard work and preparation, "It was quite and honor [to be selected]," Na said.

The annual Henderson lecture titled appropriately, "In a Mirror, Dimly: The Historicality and Metaphoricality of Paul" was presented the evening of Wednesday, October 5 in the Witherspoon rooms. The title refers to one of Paul's many uses of metaphor in the New Testament, this one in particular found in 1 Corinthians 13:12. It reads: "For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known."

During the presentation,



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Dr. Kang-Yup Na

Na discussed the many ways in which metaphors are essential to human language and therefore also essential to the hermeneutical way of looking at Paul's letters.

"Even the most accomplished interpreters have been frustrated in their attempts to understand Paul," Na said.

He believes the use of metaphor serves as the "hermeneutical key" to understanding Paul's writings a little better.

"There are benefits of thus construing Paul's letters themselves as a kind of flexible metaphor, rather than a depository of doctrine," Na said.

Na's intensive study of Paul and his Biblical letters stem from his time spent at Princeton Theological Seminary and Emory University.

"My research involved a careful distinction between what Paul wrote (expression) and what Paul meant (meaning)," Na said.

The expansion of this accumulated knowledge flows into his current class, "Paul and His Letters" this semester.

Na believes that there are many things we can learn about ourselves through Paul, especially through a metaphorical lens. He hopes that his theories concerning Paul's letters will press the academic and faith communities alike to search for a better understanding and knowledge of self.

Na stated, "We seem to share some things in common with Paul such as his multiculturalism and his concern for the truth. Paul's letters [...] carry us beyond the literal to experience truth that transcends the content and claims of the letters themselves."

Founded by Dr. Joseph R. Henderson, the lecture series are used "to encourage and recognize original and continuing research and scholarship among Westminster College faculty, and to afford the opportunity for faculty to share their learning with the academic community."

Flasher

Authorities revealing more details

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police are waiting for some things to come back to them from the Pennsylvania State Police's Identification Unit. Piccirillo stressed that this was not under any means a delay in the hands of the state; rather, the processing of the request simply takes time to return to the borough.

Piccirillo also indicated some new developments in the case.

First, the police now have a "person of interest" that they are investigating in relation to the case. Piccirillo added that there may be more than one person involved with the various flashing incidents that have occurred in the area. This will be looked into further as the police compile more evidence in their investigation.

According to Lechner, one of the first things students should do if they see this person again is to call 911 or campus security at 7777 immediately. Piccirillo adds that anyone who sees this person should immediately contact the New Wilmington Police Department.

"Try to remember the vehicle's information, such as license plate number, and details about the person or persons in the vehicle, including their hairstyle, color and what clothes they were wearing," Piccirillo said.

Piccirillo asks that any student who has seen this person personally report it to the police department. He said that some students had told their parents about the incident, and the parents called. While there is nothing wrong with letting parents know about the incident, the police need to speak with the students to take statements and information for possible evidence from the students themselves.

Fortunately, this person is not expected to worsen his actions.

"The good news is individuals usually stay with this type of crime," stated Lechner. "They usually do not continue on to sexual assault."

Did You Know?

- That 75% of jobs are never advertised in the newspaper?
- That networking can give you an added advantage when looking for a job?
- That job fairs serve as great networking opportunities?
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- To have your professional suit with you at school in the event you have to go on an interview?
- You should not chew gum during an interview?

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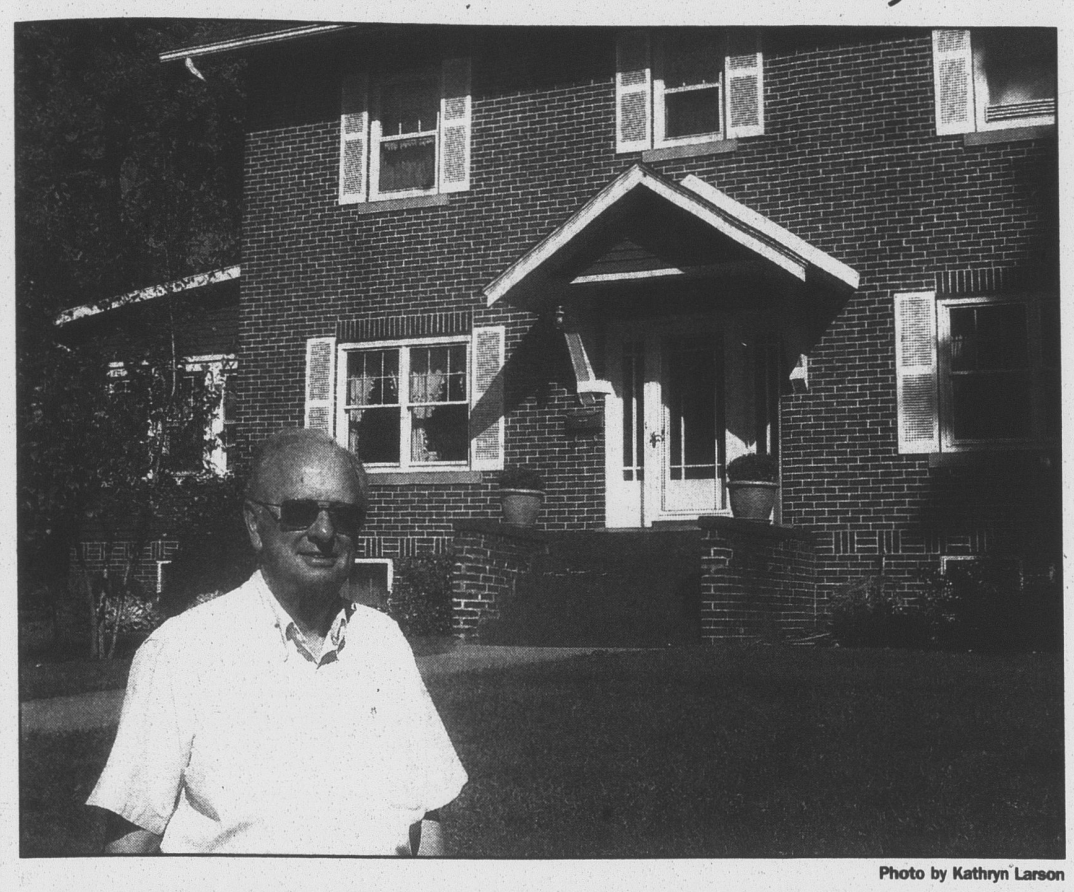
More news from around the campus

Townhouses rise, teeter on rocky ground



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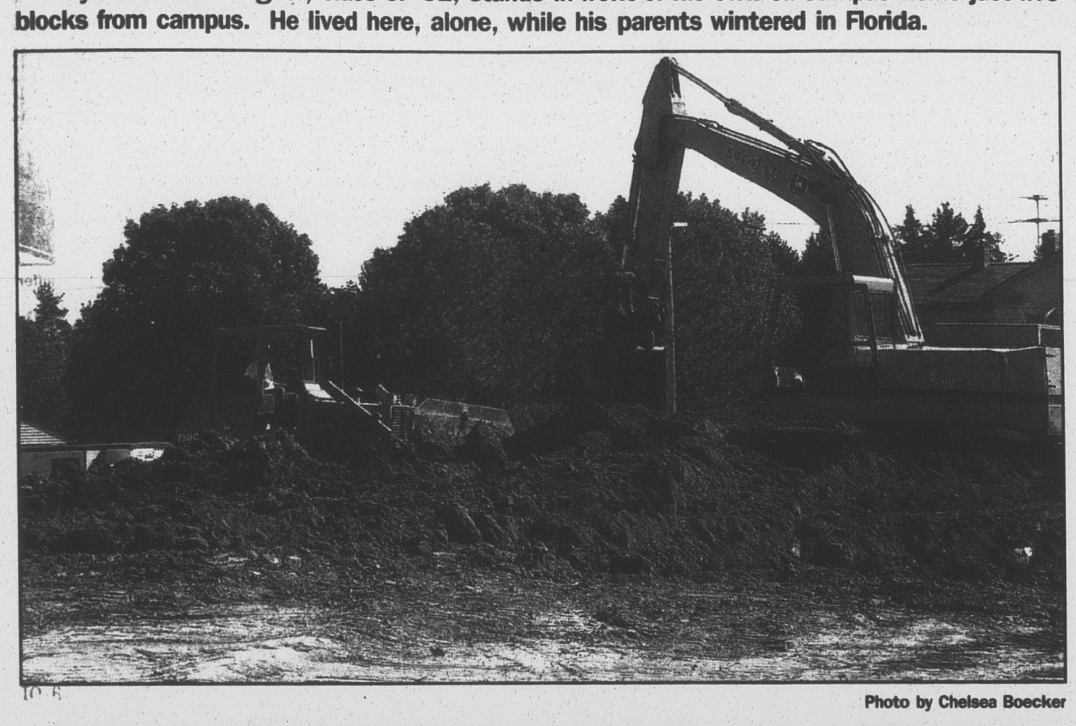
Mayor Wendell Wagner, class of '52, stands in front of his own off-campus home just five blocks from campus. He lived here, alone, while his parents wintered in Florida.



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Flattening the surface is the first visible step in the actual construction of the townhouses. Dump trucks have been carrying dirt to a place on the east side of the lake.

By Kathryn Larson
Co-editor-in-chief

Earlier this week, just five blocks from Old Main, New Wilmington Mayor and alumnus Wendell Wagner walked down memory lane- Waugh Avenue right across fromOld Main.

Here, he reminisced about his college years- chuckling and squinting as the noon-day sun beat down; he was touring his college off-campus red-brick mainstay. "I loved living off-campus," Wagner said. Animatedly he added, "Did I mention because I lived off I campus…I could have a car."

He was in good cheer and regaled stories of driving all those five blocks onto campus- only to never find a parking spot-and then having to park five minutes away.

But while, today, student's still deal with similar parking situations, starting next year, no students will share similar tales when it comes to off-campus living.

That's because starting next year, with the rise of the new on-campus townhouses, no one's living off campus-as long as we haven't reached ceiling. Dean of Students Neil Edman insists it's unlikely we'll hit. "Every year you look into a crystal ball to know how many students will fill the beds," Edman said. "But right now, the figures are good-I don't foresee any problems," he added.

Still, the lack of choices upsets students. "It's just Westminster tradition. How can they take that away? Students should be allowed to live off campus," said senior Sara Camerota who lives off-campus.

Others echo this a little more sharply, "I'd be [*explitive*] if they're cutting off off-campus housing," sophomore Will Quigley said.

And with the average price of the townhouses spiking more than 35 percent on top of the fiduciary $5,000 staple, students find the higher cost a hot topic.

"I would expect to pay more for having the privilege of living in the town house, but what do you mean about the meal plan? I would be forced to take a smaller meal plan than what I use now? Cause that would just plain suck," sophomore Ryan Moore said.

Throw in an RA, add the same dorm rules and potentially a mandatory meal plan running around five meals per week- and students question how much freedom they'll see.

With more than 100 students currently touting the joys of living off campus, Camerota feels this is an undiplomatic action, and it could potentially discourage good relations between the campus and community.

"It's dangerous for all the students living off campus because those landlords may terminate their leases," she said. "If that happens where do students from here go?"

This comes in the wake of landlords like Laurie Haines Mackaness, owner of Haines Realty, not notified over this monumental decision.

When asked if there was an official stance the school was making and why there was no mention of it at the recent October 3 borough meeting, Dean of Students Neil Edman said, "We really don't have an official stance. We aren't sure if we're going to send out a proclamation."

Now, after more than 35 years of leasing only to students, Mackaness must scramble to market her apartments to a new audience.

It's just Westminster tradition. How can they take that away? Students should be allowed to live off campus.

Sara Camerota, senior

Although Mackaness promises to honor all her standing leases, and professes that she's known about it a long time in coming- it's still is a concern. Especially since this year's New Wilmington home sales, in fact, have been slower than our national average.

But Wagner fully supports the school's total on-campus decision noting that, as of yet, he's heard no complaints. He believes the new town vacancies will create room for future community members. "This frees up apartments…and there are lots of people that live in New Castle and Youngstown that want a 'bedroom' community," he said. "We make room for them- for those to rent who can't afford to buy a home."

Still, as Wagner tries to turn away from the hot filtering down upon his college off-campus house, he reflects. He wouldn't trade that memory for the world. "No…I wouldn't have given up this experience," he said dreamily. "I ate at the frat house, I had a good time."

At the moment, talks on townhouse practices, prices and off campus living are still on the schools agenda. More information should be out before the Fireside Chat on October 27.

Campus News

Health Services:
Evolving for changing times

By Kathryn Larson
Co-editor-in-chief

Sniffles, colds and heavy gunk unabashedly equate with gulping down scalding innocuous fluids, popping pills for pulsing headaches and one of those old fashioned "Hot Toddy" remedies. If those solutions don't work, it requires trucking those limp useless limbs into Health Services.

In the last *Holcad* meeting, it came to my attention that Health Services may not be providing the fair Westminsterian lads and vixens with enough hours, beds or even doctors.

Woes multiplied as my congested contemporaries cried out, coughing and sneezing and wiping away the residue collected from the following gloppy questions: *Didn't the doctor used to stay all day? Why is there no longer an infirmary? What about weekend service?*

To quell these concerns, Judy Duda, director of Health Services noted how each question deals with the evolution of student healthcare.

Practices like weekend care, all-day doctors and an infirmary have since gone along the wayside beginning back in the late eighties.

"We used to have a doctor here all day in the 50's, but, today, there's a doctor here five days a week for about an hour and a half each day," Duda said.

When asked about weekend service, Duda spoke candidly, "my own doctor doesn't come in on the weekend" And in effect-"why should yours?" she added.

She also said, "Most schools don't have weekend service. My son goes to Cornell-even he doesn't get it."

Duda continued onward noting that there's no need for an infirmary since we are living in an age of more potent medicines. "In the 1950's antibiotics weren't as good. There were epidemics. If you had the chicken pox, we would have wanted to keep you overnight."

But now in the hay day of Z-packs, those practices are not longer the staple.

No matter if those previous medicinal teaspoons of sugar go down the gullet, gentle readers, I querulously wanted to know what our surrounding colleges offer their students. Compare and contrast them, some have no doctors while others have 24 hour care. Special thanks to all the college R.N's for providing the information.

Rx How does Westminster compare to other area institutions?

Thiel
-Open Monday-Friday 8:30AM-4:30PM
-No service on weekends
-Can give allergy shots without a doctor on the premise(requires standing orders from physician)
-No doctor
-Perks: a medicenter, ER and hospital three miles away.

Washington & Jefferson
-Open Monday-Friday, 8AM-10:30 PM
-Doctor there everyday
-Perks: free antibiotics and late hours

Bethany
-Open Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-4:30PM
-Evenings and weekends public safety handles all emergencies
-No health service fee
-Doctor must prescribe antibiotic

Slippery Rock
-Open 24 hours a day
-Doctor available once a week for four hours
-Infirmary
-Free Antibiotics

Waynesburg
-Open Monday-Friday, 9AM-4:30PM
-Physician assistants:
-Three to four hours weekly
-No Infirmary
-Free 2 day antibiotic samples
-Perks: Nausea Pack
Included: small Gatorade
Bouillon cubes

Geneva
-Monday-Friday
-Doctor available only at 6:45 AM. (He comes in before work three mornings a week.)
-No weekend service

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Our own Dr Frank McClanahan used to stay all day long to see patients in the 1950's, although pre-cell phones, if the doctor was out in town, students had to wait patiently for his return. Today, doctors spend at least a few hours here every day.

Oxford & Abroad Journal Logs

Oxford, England—One of the many benefits during the Oxford semester abroad is the program prepares trips for the participants. These trips are provided are part of the student's tuition. The three trips included a day trip to London to see Shakespeare's "The Tempest", a weekend stay in York and a day trip to Bath.

The students and both professors traveled up north to York on September 24-25. York is one of the most historic cities in England. On the first day, the students were a given a two hour walking tour of the city with a professional guide. The interesting history began with the Vikings and ended with the Romans. The tour guide showed them the only remaining portion of the original castle. All that remains is a circular portion on a hill in the middle of the city. York is most famous for a 13th century church called York Minster. It boasts some of the largest glass stained windows in the world. It is still used today as a Protestant and Catholic Church.

The students also experienced many other sites including St. Mary's Abbey. Years ago, it was a popular Abbey but people began stealing stones from the building to create other sites which caused the deterioration. In the same park, there was a museum of classic art from the century. Our guide took us along the city wall, which was built as a defense against army attacks. As we walked, we could see the different defense positions where soldiers stood, using cross-bows. The guide told us a ghost story about Spanish soldiers walking right through the treasurer's house. No one knew where they came from though. York is claimed to have been one of the most haunted cities in Europe.

We were guided to The Shambles where St. Elizabeth was martyred for being Catholic. She was killed by placing a huge stone on top of her and crushing her to death. The "only, proper" church at the time was Anglican. Our group then went exploring on our own. The professors really encourage utilizing free time to explore through each city independently.

The next day, we left York to travel to Castle Howard. The 15 minute drive was a manor house for the Duke of Howard. In the 18th century, there were six Dukes divided the land between the whole family, so they could each have a portion of the estate. The main estate is still in use today by the Duke of Howard and his family. The house is still decorated as it would have been in the 14th century. The Great Hall which would have been used as the main entrance has two main doors that allow visitors to perfectly see the front garden as well. In this entrance, there is a huge dome ceiling filled with beautiful, intricate paintings. The staircase is hidden by the fireplace and a large painting, leaving the illusion that visitors are floating upstairs. In the back of the house, the fountain that can be seen through the double door entrance, was used by the Duke to enjoy peaceful serenity. Another beautiful part of Castle Howard was the Rose Garden that is surrounded by high hedges and a cast iron gate fence. The Garden still plants the flowers that were popular in the 18th century and favorites of the Duke.

The last stop during their weekend trip was to Fountains Abbey. This was used as an Abbey for monks who believed the best way to follow God, was to be a monk and not live on money. Instead they built a massive abbey that included a tower and a hospital without any stained glass windows. They used limestone to create the foundations and it was located near a river which provided the perfect serene setting for the monks. Now the Abbey is in complete ruins but is a popular tourist attraction in England that allows the visitors to walk through the massive rooms and elaborate hallways. The hospital portion was burned down but the tunnels were still located there. Visitors could also walk through the woods and visit the deer park which provided a wonderful weekend excursion for anyone with a sense of adventure.

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Written by Janis Butcher, Kerri Campbell and Ashley Beaver

An Olympic Opportunity
Branden Hansen visits college

By Chip Hothem
Staff Writer

If "a person can achieve everything by being simple and humble," as the Rig Veda suggest, then Olympian Branden Hansen has done just that. Walking into the college Field House, Hansen looked not unlike any college student; yet, the three medals won in the 2004 Olympics prove otherwise.

Hansen arrived last Saturday as a speaker for the Westminster Swimming Team's clinic, held to fundraise the team's winter training trip. Not only did Hansen teach over 120 young swimmers, but he also took time to spend with the Westminster Swim Team.

"He seemed to be real down to earth and joked around with us just like he were one of us," said Pat Smith, a Westminster Swimmer and President of the Student Athletic Advisory Council. "He didn't want to be treated like he was anything special. His sense of humor was just like anyone else in college, and he was not self centered in the least," continued Smith.

Hansen arrived early to speak with Westminster's swimmers at 8:30, long before the clinic began. In his speech he spoke of a need for inspiration, a need for team unity in an individual sport, his practice routine and his life after the Olympics.

When the clinic broke for lunch, Hansen retired with the Team to the Field House Hostility Room, where he watched the West Virginia – Virginia Tech game, ate, and talked commonly with the college's swimmers while signing shirts, swim caps, flags and taking pictures with the Team.

Yet, Hansen not only talked to the college swimmers, he also lent his guidance. "I received some personal advice about my swimming," said All-American Swimmer, Ryan Trunk. "I have tremendous respect for an athlete of his esteem, he's a world record holder, he's the world's best, and to be able to talk with him and get advice from such an athlete is a once in a life time opportunity."

Perhaps Lindsey Crist captures the event's gravity best when she says "Brendan Hansan, the fastest breaststroker ever, may be the highlight of Westminster's natatorium, and perhaps all of Westminster's athletics. I was proud and excited to meet someone with such stature, let alone to learn from him."

Contributed Photo

Branden Hansen

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High	High 58	High 58	High 59	High 62	High 63	High 61
Low	Low 38	Low 39	Low 40	Low 42	Low 41	Low 40
Breezy with occasional rain	A shower in spots in the a.m.	Partly sunny and cool	Partly sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunny

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:24 a.m.	6:53 p.m.
Saturday	7:25 a.m.	6:52 p.m.
Sunday	7:26 a.m.	6:50 p.m.
Monday	7:27 a.m.	6:48 p.m.
Tuesday	7:28 a.m.	6:47 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	12:00 p.m.	9:01 p.m.
Saturday	1:11 p.m.	9:49 p.m.
Sunday	2:16 p.m.	10:48 p.m.
Monday	3:11 p.m.	11:59 p.m.
Tuesday	3:57 p.m.	none

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Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Oct 10	Oct 17	Oct 24	Nov 1

Weather History

On Oct. 7, 1902, a waterspout was seen off Cape May, N.J. When the first chilly air masses of fall cross warm bodies of water, waterspouts form.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	61	41	r	56	38	sh	58	40	pc	61	41	pc	61	44	pc
Butler, PA	64	48	r	57	37	sh	59	38	pc	61	40	pc	62	43	pc
Cambridge, OH	63	46	r	58	38	sh	61	39	pc	61	39	pc	65	43	s
Canton, OH	61	42	r	57	38	sh	59	39	pc	61	40	pc	62	43	pc
Cincinnati, OH	64	42	sh	62	42	pc	64	43	s	64	44	s	68	47	s
Clarion, PA	60	43	r	53	35	sh	56	39	pc	55	39	pc	60	41	pc
Clarksburg, WV	69	51	r	60	39	sh	59	37	pc	62	40	pc	63	43	pc
Cleveland, OH	59	44	r	56	42	sh	59	44	pc	62	46	pc	62	46	pc
Columbus, OH	60	45	r	58	40	sh	64	41	pc	62	43	s	68	47	s
Cumberland, MD	66	52	r	59	42	r	60	41	c	63	43	pc	64	44	pc
Erie, PA	58	45	r	53	41	sh	55	42	pc	57	45	pc	60	48	s
Franklin, PA	60	43	r	53	37	sh	56	39	pc	56	39	pc	60	41	pc
Greensburg, PA	65	48	r	59	40	r	58	41	pc	60	43	pc	62	44	pc
Greenville, PA	60	43	r	56	39	sh	57	39	pc	57	41	pc	60	43	pc
Grove City, PA	61	45	r	56	37	sh	57	39	pc	58	40	pc	61	42	pc
Hagerstown, MD	69	52	r	61	42	r	60	42	c	63	44	c	65	46	pc
Indiana, PA	67	50	r	58	40	r	59	40	pc	61	42	pc	62	43	pc
Jamestown, NY	57	41	r	50	34	sh	50	39	pc	54	40	pc	56	41	pc
Kittanning, PA	66	49	r	59	39	r	58	41	pc	61	42	pc	63	44	pc
Lisbon, OH	60	42	r	56	39	sh	59	41	pc	61	41	pc	62	44	pc
Mansfield, OH	59	42	r	59	38	sh	59	39	pc	60	42	pc	62	44	pc
Marietta, OH	64	49	r	58	41	sh	61	38	pc	64	42	pc	66	45	s
McKeesport, PA	63	47	r	56	41	r	61	41	pc	59	43	pc	62	44	pc
Meadville, PA	58	42	r	52	38	sh	55	40	pc	57	42	pc	58	45	pc
Morgantown, WV	68	50	r	55	39	r	60	42	pc	62	44	pc	65	44	pc
New Castle, PA	62	46	r	58	39	sh	58	40	pc	60	41	pc	62	43	pc
Oil City, PA	61	44	r	54	38	sh	56	40	pc	57	40	pc	61	42	pc
Pittsburgh, PA	62	44	r	56	40	sh	60	40	pc	63	42	pc	63	44	pc
Sharon, PA	60	43	r	57	39	sh	57	39	pc	58	40	pc	61	42	pc
Somerset, PA	63	45	r	53	40	r	59	38	c	56	41	pc	58	43	pc
Steubenville, OH	62	45	r	56	39	sh	60	39	pc	61	43	pc	62	44	pc
Uniontown, PA	67	49	r	57	39	r	61	38	pc	60	41	pc	64	42	pc
Warren, OH	60	44	r	58	39	sh	56	40	pc	58	41	pc	62	42	s
Washington, PA	64	49	r	57	40	sh	60	36	pc	60	38	pc	62	39	pc
Waynesburg, PA	66	49	r	54	40	sh	61	38	pc	60	40	pc	63	41	pc
Wheeling, WV	62	46	r	57	39	sh	61	39	pc	61	43	pc	62	44	pc
Youngstown, OH	60	44	r	58	39	sh	56	40	pc	57	40	pc	61	42	s
Wooster, OH	60	41	r	59	35	sh	59	36	pc	60	38	pc	62	41	pc
Zanesville, OH	64	47	r	59	37	sh	62	39	pc	62	39	s	65	44	s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Sports

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Full Speed Ahead

Swimming preview

By Tom Heath
Staff Writer

September 26th marked the beginning of the Titan Swimming season. The men are looking to defend their PAC Championship and the women look to avenge their mere 40 point loss and capture the crown. This past weekend, Olympic Gold Medalist and world record holder Brendan Hansen was on campus of a swimming clinic. He even took time out of his busy schedule to meet privately with the Titan swimmers.

"It was an unbelievable experience. He was very candid with the team and focused on team chemistry." Coach Klamut noted. "It was probably one of the greatest half hour speeches I have ever been a part of. It was a big motivational factor for the team." From the looks of things last season, Hansen's talk was just reinforcement of what the team already practices.

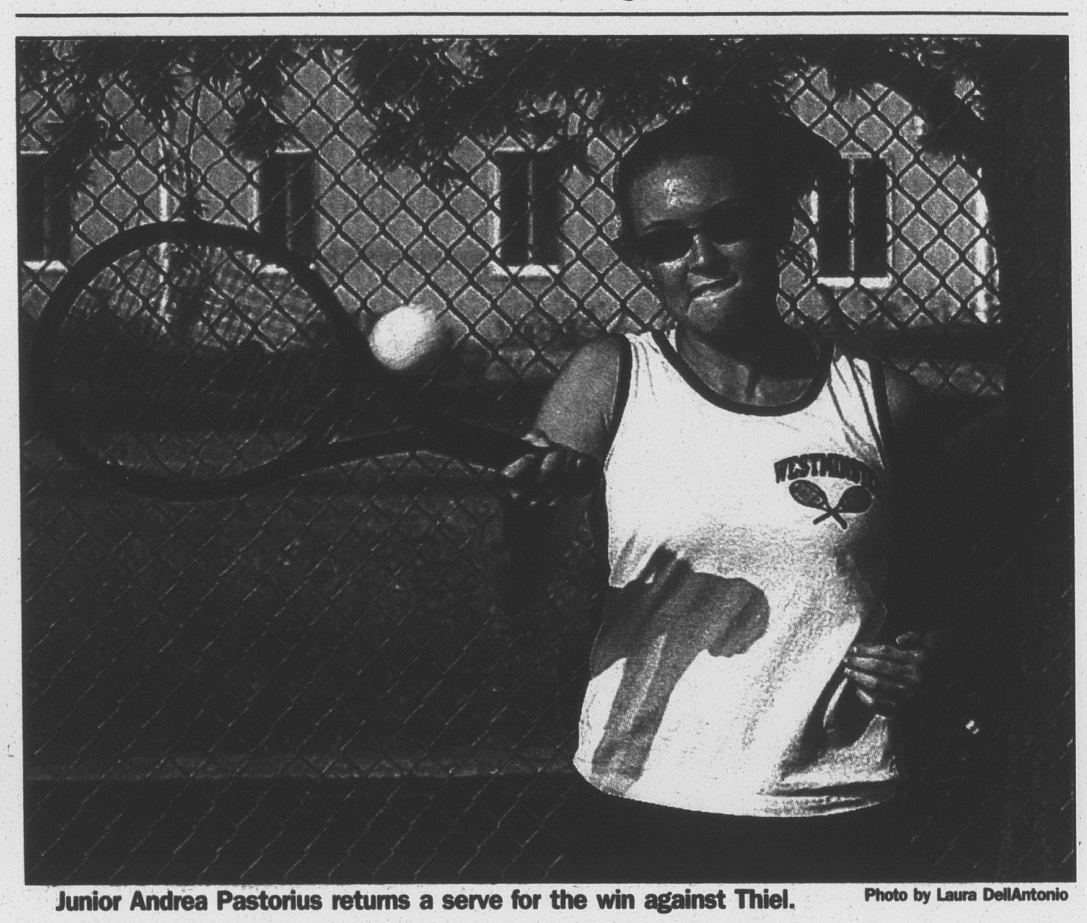
Looking at the women's side first, there is still a bitter taste around the field house after a 40 point loss to Washington and Jefferson at the PAC Meet. For those who don't know much about swimming, 40 points can be earned in a first place relay finish. Two impact seniors were lost to graduation; however there are five new swimmers on the women's side. "There are not as many newcomers as on the men's side but they are all without a doubt quality. They are all stepping up and fitting in well; we're off to a good start already."

The men along with the women are reloading once again. The Titans not only are looking to regain a PAC title but are also seeking an undefeated regular season. The only loss was to Carnegie Mellon and this year it will be the last meet at home going into the conference meet. "Everyone is stepping up and no one is backing down," Klamut said "The competition between one another is making each other working that much harder."

On the men's and women's side, there are once again high expectations. Unlike last season, most of the dual meets will be at home rather than on the road. This season will be one that won't be forgotten for a long time to come. The Titans look to get on the right track October 22nd at the Clarion invitational.

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Great skills like this aren't all that will be seen at the the mens' soccer game October 12.



Junior Andrea Pastorius returns a serve for the win against Thiel. Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Women's tennis team shuts out Thiel Tomcats

Westminster College women's tennis team evened its record at 5-5 overall and 2-2 in Presidents' Athletic Conference action Wednesday in New Wilmington, as the Lady Titan netters posted a 9-0 sweep of visiting league rival Thiel College.

All six WC players were double winners against the Tomcats. Sophomores Dana Larson and Christina Commisso captured the top doubles slot while also winning at #2 and #3 singles, respectively. Juniors Sara Belsito and Betsy Nolan won at #1 and #4 singles, respectively, while teaming to capture #2 doubles, Finally, the #3 doubles team of junior Andrea Pastorius and senior Katie Huber also saw wins at #5 and #6 singles, respectively.

Westminster women's tennis returns to the courts this Friday (Oct. 7), when the Lady Titans host Mount Union College in a non-conference match in New Wilmington at 3:30 p.m.

Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

Go kick it with men's soccer

The soccer team wants your support, and believe it or not, you are allowed to attend their games.

The men's soccer team hosts Waynesburg College next Wednesday at 4 p.m. Be there. Free hot dogs, free t-shirts, and a great (free!) soccer match are only a few of the events highlighting the afternoon.

"We're trying to break the fan attendance record and generate some excitement for the soccer team," red-shirt sophomore Garret Horvath said.

Unable to play this year, Horvath took it upon himself to act as the team's "manager," or at least a high-spirited public relations consultant.

"It's not that soccer is overlooked, but we don't get as many fans as we would like, and we'd certainly like to change that," Horvath said.

The Titans graduated numerous seniors last year, leaving this year's squad devoid of a single one.

After changing their style of play, Horvath described this squad's play as "inconsistent." Regardless, the Titans need support.

Knowing that to navigate our campus is such a painstakingly difficult ordeal (sarcasm rarely escapes my weekly column), I'll even provide simple directions to the field.

You know the giant patch of grass adjacent to the football field? That's right, the one with two big white goals resting at either end? Yeah, that's the soccer field.

Last season, the Titans enjoyed one of their finest campaigns in recent years. They finished (16-5, 8-2 PAC) and finished first in the conference. They earned an NCAA berth, topping Pitt-Greensburg 1-0 in the opening round.

During the 2004 season, the Titans mashed the pride of Greene-County (Waynesburg College) by a score of 5-0 in both of two meetings.

Not to be outdone, the Lady Titans have already topped the Yellow Jackets 4-0 on October 3. The ladies square off with Waynesburg again on October 21.

To re-cap, on Wednesday, October 12, don't sit in your room. Don't study (my apologies to our education-oriented college staff).

Instead, go check out the soccer team. Win a t-shirt, eat a hot dog, do whatever kicks your balls and show up to the soccer field at 4 p.m. Why not? I'll be there.

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Welcome to October ..... Playoff Predictions

By Steve Brink
Staff Writer

Yeah, it's that time of year again. The leaves are changing; the hot days of summer are long behind us. It's October. So that must mean one thing: Playoff Baseball.

That might not mean too much to people in this area. The Pirates suffered their 400th losing season in a row, and the Indians' dream season ended abruptly with a week-long collapse during the final few days of the regular season. But for eight U.S. cities, this month is as good as it gets.

Now, I'm going to attempt to predict the outcome of this entire month of baseball. I'm not very good at making predictions. In fact, I'm terrible. But this could be my last chance to enlighten everyone on my vast baseball knowledge. Well, something like that. But here goes nothing.

First we'll take a look at the American League.

The Chicago White Sox are an interesting team. They had a 13-game lead in the Central Division at the start of August. For the next seven weeks they almost blew that lead by playing awful baseball. Then they played lights out the last week of the season to hold onto their division lead. Despite their inconsistency over the last two months of the season, I think the White Sox have a good chance. Pitching is what has carried this team all season. Mark Buehrle, Jon Garland, and Freddy Garcia are three dominant starters to have at the top of your rotation. If the offense can produce timely hits, Chicago might be a good pick.

The Red Sox pitching is obviously a big concern. Curt Schilling needs to be the dominant starter he was in last year's postseason. Other than Tim Wakefield, there's no other starter that will put fear into the eyes of opposing hitters. Boston's lineup is scary. They will score there runs. But can the pitching hold up?

The Yankees will be a popular pick to come out of the American League. They got hot at the perfect time and breezed through the final month of the season to yet another division title. New York's biggest weakness though is their pitching too. Shawn Chacon and Aaron Small carried the Yankee pitching staff the last couple months of the season. The only problem is, those two young arms haven't thrown any meaningful October games. How will they respond to the pressure? Pitching at Fenway Park in October is a lot different then pitching there in May. Fortunately they have veterans such as Randy Johnson and Mike Mussina who have been there before and know how to handle the pressure.

The key for Anaheim this October will be producing runs. Chone Figgins and Orlando Cabrera have to do their job at the top of the lineup and get on base. Vladimir Guerrero becomes a lot more dangerous as a hitter when he has people on base in front of him. Cy Young favorite Bartolo Colon will be solid. And if they can get quality starts from the back end of their rotation, Anaheim has a great chance to win.

THE PICK: New York

Now moving right along to the National League, the surprise team could be the Houston Astros. If they're lucky, they will score four runs a game. But their pitching is so dominant they might only need to score a couple of runs. Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte, and Roy Oswalt are probably the most feared 3-man rotation in the entire postseason. Houston is very scary, especially in the short, opening-round series.

Atlanta has yet again won another division title. But will this year's regular season turn into another playoff disappointment? To prevent that from happening, the young stars such as Adam LaRhoce and Jeff Francoeur need to keep producing. It will be interesting to see how long it takes for the young Atlanta players to mature this postseason. Manager Bobby Cox hopes it doesn't take long.

San Diego probably doesn't deserve to be in the playoffs, but there here and I guess we should talk about their chances too. The only way I see the Padres winning is if Jake Peavy pitches every game. Now obviously that won't happen, so I don't like their chances. San Diego will likely win when Peavy pitches, but other than that, don't count on any wins from the N.L. West champions.

And finally let's talk about the St. Louis Cardinals. They have the best lineup out of this year's National League playoff teams, and the 2nd best pitching staff. Chris Carpenter and Mark Mulder are a scary one-two punch. If this team stays focused throughout October, there's no reason they shouldn't represent the National League in the World Series.

THE PICK: St. Louis

So there you have it. I like the Yankees and Cardinals to reach the World Series. And on a hunch I'm going to pick St. Louis to win it all. I'm sure I'll be completely wrong about everything, just like every baseball analyst usually is.

But that's what makes October so much fun.

Titan Sports Shorts

Lady Titan keeper honored

One day after being named the Presidents' Athletic Conference Women's Soccer Player of the Week, Westminster College freshman goalkeeper Whitney Griffin has received an additional honor as ECAC Division III Mid-Atlantic Region Goalkeeper of the Week, for the week ending October 2, 2005.

Griffin, a first-year goalkeeper for the Lady Titan kickers, did not allow a goal in three consecutive PAC shutout wins for Westminster last week, as the Lady Titans defeated Thiel (6-0), Grove City (1-0) and W&J (1-0).

Griffin played all 270 minutes in goal, making a combined 18 saves in the three victories.

Including a 4-0 shutout win at Waynesburg on Monday, she now has seven shutouts in 12 contests this season.

The Westminster women's soccer team (10-2, 5-0 PAC) will host PAC foe Washington & Jefferson at home on Saturday (Oct. 8) at noon.

Cross country teams with inpressive invitational results

The Westminster College men's & women's cross country teams competed Saturday at the Pitt-Greensburg Bobcat Harvest Invitational, held at the Westmoreland County Fairgrounds in Mount Pleasant.

The Titan men finished in second place out of five teams with 49 points, trailing host UP-G (40) and ahead of Point Park (68), Seton Hill (82), and Mount Aloysius (107). The Lady Titan harriers finished eighth in a 14-team field. The Lady Titans finished third in a five-team field with 70 points, trailing Seton Hill (30) and Bethany (69) but ahead of Mount Aloysius (89) and Pitt-Greensburg (91).

Westminster placed four runners among the top 12 men's finishers, led by freshman Aaron Titus in seventh place out of 36 runners with a time of 30:40. Other Titan finishers included freshman Andrew Brown in ninth place in 31:34; junior Scott Seserko in 11th place in 32:06; sophomore Joe Knott in 12th place in 32:22; and freshman James Bryan in 16th place in 33:13.

The Lady Titans were paced by junior Amy Carroll, who finished in eighth place in a 41-runner field in 28:01. Other Westminster times included freshman LeighAnn Jordan in 14th place in 28:50; sophomore Leanna Stitt in 17th place in 30:07; senior Maggie Muir in 18th place in 30:12; and junior Alissa Bookwalter in 24th place in 32:10.

Both Westminster cross country teams return to action next Saturday (October 8) at the Bethany College Invitational in Bethany, W.Va.

A&E Arts & Entertainment

Serenity not for most

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

At the suggestion of a fellow student, I saw Serenity earlier this week. I didn't really know much about it except that it was based on a failed Fox series called "Firefly."

Unfortunately, my lack of knowledge (and the average movie-goer's) of the series is the downfall of this film.

Throughout the movie, I felt as if I was missing the bigger picture behind the content- the real purpose behind the making of this film.

Maybe if I understood the series I wouldn't be left questioning why this was made for theaters and not a sci-fi made for TV movie.

The film takes place far in the future where there is an intergalactic government controlling all the planets, better known as the Allies.

Of course there are also the rebels, the Independents, who do not appreciate the Allies' control. A war is waging, and the Allies are hoping to use the psychic powers of teenager River Tam (Summer Glau) for their advantage. Her brother Simon (Sean Maher) feels differently and rescues her from the mind-washers.

They seek refuge aboard the ship Serenity, captained by Malcolm (Nathan Fillion), and try to hide from the Allies. Malcolm and his crew make their business as freelance smugglers until they learn they are being tailed by the most powerful of the Alliance's agents, simply known as the Operative (Chiwetel Ejiofor).

Malcolm and his crew soon learn that River is the Alliance's sole focus because of her psychic powers.

The Alliance made the mistake of letting "key" members of the Parliament observe River during her mind-washing. To their dismay, they realized too late that because of River's psychic powers, she was able to read their minds and learn their secrets.

The big secret revolves around the conspiracy process of how the Alliance actually makes people believe they are content and have a life instead of facing their problems. Of course, now they are racing through the galaxy trying to track down River before the secret leaks out.

Where this film fails for me is the lack of interest in the characters. The acting is subpar, so there is really no development other than predictable personality changes.

The scenes do not connect together very well, and there is never a feeling of fluidity in the film. If you are not familiar with the "Firefly" series or are not serious about the science-fiction genre (other than the Star Wars films, as this film is completely different from them), I recommend seeing something else.

Rating: C-

Photos from www.serenitymovie.com

Serenity began a 2002 television series "Firefly." The series was cancelled because of low general viewership, but gained a cult following on the Internet. The series DVD set was released in 2003 and has been in the top ten DVDs on Amazon.com for many months. The film stars the entire original cast of the series, a rarity for movies made from a TV series.

Top: Malcom Reynolds (Nathan Fillion) and Jayne Cobb (Adam Baldwin) prepare for a firefight.

Middle: Simon Tam (Sean Maher) comforts his sister River (Summer Glau).

Bottom: Simon, Inara Serra (Morena Baccarin), Zoe (Gina Torres), Jayne, and Wash (Alan Tudyk) size up the situation.

Sherri is a junior English major with a film studies minor. Sherri is known to be gruff until she's had her daily caffeine fix. Of course, after the gruffness clears, she'll never stop yammering in your ear.

Argo to be unveiled

By Nawal Rajeh
Staff Writer

The *Argo*, known to some as a ship carrying heroes in Greek mythology, is more commonly known on campus as the yearbook.

The *Argo* comes out every year around this time, but it usually comes as a surprise. Students walk through the TUB, one day, only to realize it has arrived once again, as the stacks pile high on tables and people stand in line to receive their copy.

This year, however, will be very different. On Tuesday, October 11, there will be a dedication ceremony for the 2004-2005 *Argo* held in the Witherspoon rooms. All are welcome to attend.

Prior to the ceremony, at approximately 12:55, a sneak-peak slide show will be viewed. It will display some of the editors' favorite pictures that appear in this year's book.

This year's *Argo* is unlike any other. The theme is being kept in great secrecy until the unveiling of this great book at the dedication ceremony. This book is also the first yearbook that is almost completely composed of digital photographs; giving it an all new look. The yearbook is also slowly moving towards the more contemporized look of a magazine.

"I think this is an award winning book," said Connie McGinnis, faculty advisor to the Argo. The book will be entered in a contest for yearbooks from high schools and colleges all over the nation.

Much more work than realized goes into making the yearbook each year. This particular book was started in the Spring of 2004. When Ray Walling became editor last year, the theme had already been chosen.

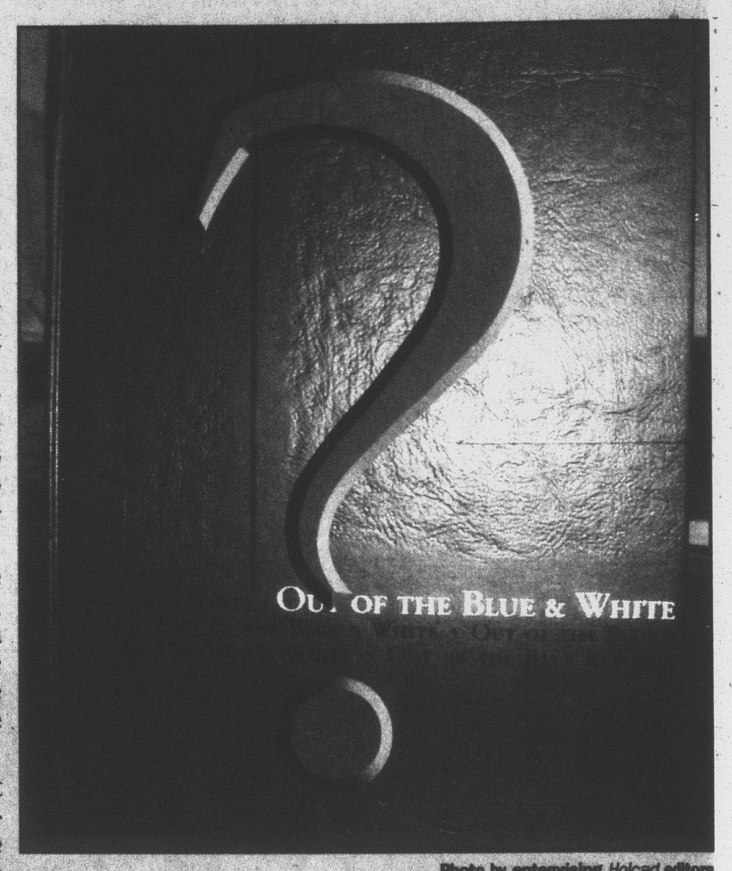

Photo by enterprising *Holcad* editors

The *Argo* won't be unveiled until a ceremony next Tuesday.

Ray Walling and Courtney Turek even attended a camp in Gettysburg this summer for yearbook editors. Over 20 students are part of the *Argo* staff, working tremendously hard to preserve our college memories. This year's book is serving as a new beginning, starting a lot of new traditions.

A faculty member of the year is recognized in the *Argo*. Dr. Jeffrey Bersett was chosen by last years' seniors to bear this honor. He may also make a guest appearance at the ceremony.

Another new feature deals with the graduation speech. When the new policy of how a graduation speech would be chosen was implemented last year, part of the deal was that at least part of every year's speech would be included in the yearbook.

"The book has been dedicated to Sandy Edmiston, who I think, epitomized what we all should strive for," said McGinnis. Part of her inspiring graduation speech appears inside as well as other words offered in her memory.

The dedication ceremony is serving as the opening to this years' *Argo*. It will present the surprise theme, the cover, and more.

"It's a nice way to recognize the people who worked so hard on making it special," said McGinnis.

The ceremony will last approximately 15 minutes. The Argo will then be distributed in the TUB, Tuesday, October 11, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Students can also reserve their copy of next years' *Argo* at those times, which is sure to bring an even greater magnitude of surprises.

El Canelo THIS SEÑORITA'S FAVORITE FAJITA

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

This week I took a trip below the border. Well, I stayed in New Castle while I did it, but it still felt like I was in Mexico! I went to eat with our two lovely Holcad editors, Kathryn and Colin, at El Canelo on Route 18.

You walk in, seat yourself, and before you sit down, there is a warm basket of homemade tortilla chips in front of you with a bowl of salsa. The salsa is awesome, but I'm telling you, ask for the cheese sauce. It's not that nasty orange stuff; it's almost like spicy alfredo sauce. Just take my advice on this.

They have a huge menu, including lunch and dinner specials, and this week if you buy one combo, you get another free! (with your Titan Card, of course.) I have a usual that I get there. It's the #7 (not that the number means anything to you). It includes two tacos, hard or soft, refried beans and Spanish rice. Once again, the cheese inside the taco is not that nasty orange stuff; it's some kind of real, white, Mexican cheese. Or it could be mozzarella, but whatever it is, it makes the tacos better than any other taco I've had. This place runs circles around Taco Bell, and you can get to El Canelo from campus, get your food, and get back in probably the same time as driving a little farther to Taco Bell, ordering, eating in, and driving back to campus. And it's just a little bit more authentic considering all the people working there came straight from Mexico, not some New Castle High kids saving money for a car.

As for Kathryn and Colin, let's see what they have to say about this place…

Kathryn: This restaurant gets 10 Sangrias out of 10. Illustrious.

Colin: Their sweet tea just might be the best non-alcholic drink on the face of the earth. 10 Sopapia's out of 10.

So until next week, get your el butto to El Canelo. Later, amigos!

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

Have a particular restaurant at which you find yourself often?

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Calendar

October 07, 2005

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel - Wallace Memorial Chapel

3:30 PM Women's Tennis vs. Mount Union (H)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Concert Choir's Music and Meatballs Dinner (Three seatings at 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00) - New Wilmington Presbyterian Church Social Hall

8:00 PM CPC Presents: Leighann Lorde, Comedienne

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Kicking and Screaming - MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Honeymooners - MCC Mueller Theater

October 08, 2005

Men's and Women's Cross Country at Bethany Invitational

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Model UN (Political Science Dept.) - MCC Mueller Theater

10:00 AM Organ Master Class - Orr Auditorium

12:00 PM Women's Soccer vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)

1:00 PM Football vs. Washington and Jefferson (H) - Burry Stadium

1:00 PM Volleyball at Waynesburg/Lycoming/Thomas More

2:00 PM Men's Soccer vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)

5:15 PM Hall of Fame Dinner - MCC Witherspoon

7:00 PM Mass - Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM David Bailey Concert - MCC Club/Lounge

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Honeymooners - MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Kicking and Screaming - MCC Mueller Theater

October 09, 2005

2:00 PM Kappa Delta's Girl Scout Day - MCC Club/Lounge

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Kicking and Screaming - MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Vespers - Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - Patterson 311

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Honeymooners - MCC Mueller Theater

October 10, 2005

Sorority Meetings

11:40 AM Biology Seminar: Genomic Stability and DNA Repair - Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel - Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Rosary Group - Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Monday Night Football: Pittsburgh Steelers vs. San Diego Chargers - MCC Club

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes - MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night - MCC Club/Lounge

October 11, 2005

3:00 PM Women's Tennis vs. Waynesburg (H)

5:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Committee Meeting - MCC 352

5:00 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting - TC 315

6:30 PM Volleyball at Grove City

9:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting - Ferguson Hall Lobby

9:30 PM Newman Club - MCC Witherspoon Maple

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night - MCC Club/Lounge

October 12, 2005

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Charlene Klassen Endrizzi, "Can Our Government Learn About Literacy from Teachers and Parents?" - MCC Mueller Theater

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Prayer and Reflection - Wallace Memorial Chapel

4:00 PM Men's Soccer vs. Waynesburg (H)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting - MCC Mueller Theater

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship - MCC Club/Lounge

October 13, 2005

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Chemistry Club Seminar - Chemistry Seminar Room

1:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Leadership Meeting - MCC 352

4:00 PM Women's Soccer at Grove City

4:00 PM Women's Tennis at Penn State-Behrend

5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting - Patterson 231

7:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium - MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM Circle K Meeting - Patterson 231

9:00 PM ALLIES Meeting - - MCC Mueller Theater

9:00 PM Stargazing on the Roof of Hoyt - Meet in Hoyt Lobby

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night - MCC Club/Lounge

Crossword

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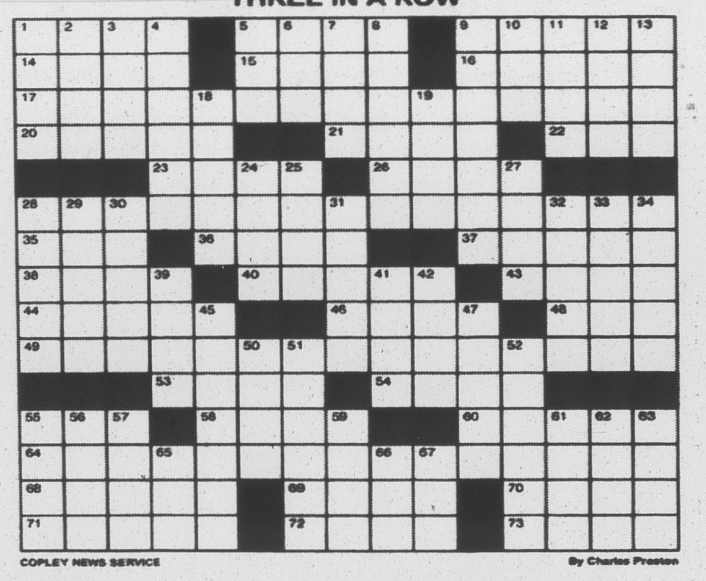

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Last weeks's answers

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STARTING OVER

Horoscopes

ARIES: Simply worrying about your finances is of no consequence. A solution is what you need. Take control and focus on ways to solve your current fiscal dilemma.

TAURUS: An intense encounter will test your flexibility. Do not weaken, give in or allow your fellow comrade to push you beyond the breaking point.

GEMINI: A persistent and thorough effort is likely to lead you to attaining a desired goal. Have pride in what you are doing and do not shy away from hard work.

CANCER: This should be an expressive week. Join the crowds at a social, sporting or entertainment event and have fun. Any gruff nature will subside with the arrival of a special friend or companion.

LEO: There is an emotional or family issue that you will need to address. Take time to contemplate or ponder your feelings and resolve your melancholy mood.

VIRGO: Quick or creative thinking is sure to get you labeled as a problem-solver. A roommate or close friend will bring you laughter during a tough time.

LIBRA: Study your budget and make sure that you are aware of how much money you have to work with. Think smart, set reasonable fiscal goals and spend with care.

SCORPIO: This would be a great time to launch a self-improvement project. Now is a good time to show your appreciation for a loved one with a special gift.

SAGITTARIUS: Use special insights or information gathered from your subconscious to help solve a gnawing conflict. Turn to your dreams or intuition for guidance.

CAPRICORN: Respect, nurture and cherish the strong bond you have built with a friend. Do not push, overstep or take your relationship for granted.

AQUARIUS: Postpone a major career move or decision until you are absolutely sure. In the meantime, don't spread yourself too thin and take time to kick back with friends.

PISCES: You are close to an intellectual peak this week. Put yourself in a position to graciously share your insightful opinions, comments or suggestions. Like a cat purring, make sure to show your content.

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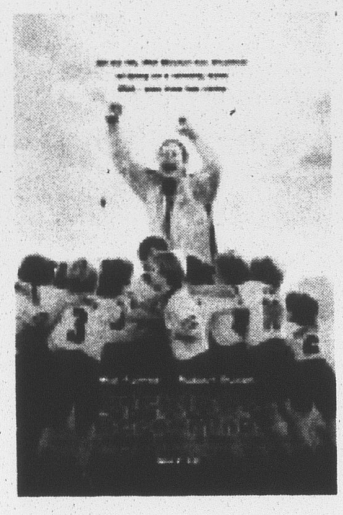


Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater

8:00 PM 10:30 PM 3:00PM — Friday Saturday Sunday — 10:30 PM 8:00 PM 9:00 PM

Late Night Mon-Tue-Thurs 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Club Room

FRIDAY! Comic Leignann Lord 8 p.m. Berlin lounge

ABC MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

9:00 pm Club Room Steelers vs. Chargers

SATURDAY! David Bailey Concert 8 p.m. Club Room/ Berlin lounge

COMING SOON...

Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

Oct. 21	Jazz Concert	Nov. 11	Titan's Tavern
Oct. 22	Night Owl Bowling	Nov. 19	Night Owl Bowling
Oct. 28	Rotaract Presents!	Dec. 2	Titan's Tavern
Oct.28	Titan's Tavern	Dec. 9	Comic- Dan Ahdoot
Nov.5	College Bowl	Dec. 10	Night Owl Bowling
Nov. 5	Night Owl Bowling		

FEATURES

Sleep tight, campus

"Life is something that happens when you can't get to sleep." - Fran Lebowitz

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

College students are busy people. We go to class, meetings, extracurricular activities, the gym. We eat, do laundry, and somewhere in the mix, find time to sleep. If you are a student getting less than eight hours of sleep a night, read on because you, my friend, are suffering from sleep deprivation.

Dr. Omar Burschtin, of The New York University School of Medicine Sleep Disorders Center, says that 90% of college students are suffering from sleep deprivation. This epidemic can affect anyone, but college students are at a high risk due to the stresses of a college environment and the social stresses that coincide. Dr. Gardner, the new doctor at the Health Center, says that college students need a full eight to ten hours each night. But we are not getting those precious hours. On average, college students sleep six to seven hours a night.

Dr. Gardner says that sleep deprivation is self-induced due to high demands and expectations from professors, family, and others. The most common time for students to stay up all night cramming is during finals week. So if you find yourself in bed counting sheep night after night getting nearly the same amount of sleep as the cool kids who answered our Question of the Week, check out the tips on the right. You just might make more time to catch up on those hours you've been missing. Sweet dreams!

Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major. She was recently told to get rid of her fish but she is not complying. Amanda refuses to join the Facebook cult despite pressure to do so. And in case you were wondering, she needs at least 7-8 hours of sleep a night in order to function like a normal human being.

Tips for Getting a Good Night's Sleep

Keep a regular sleep schedule.

Avoid forcing sleep.

Exercise regularly at least 4 to 5 hours before bedtime.

Avoid alcohol and caffeine near bedtime.

Don't go to bed hungry.

Deal with anxieties and worries before bed.

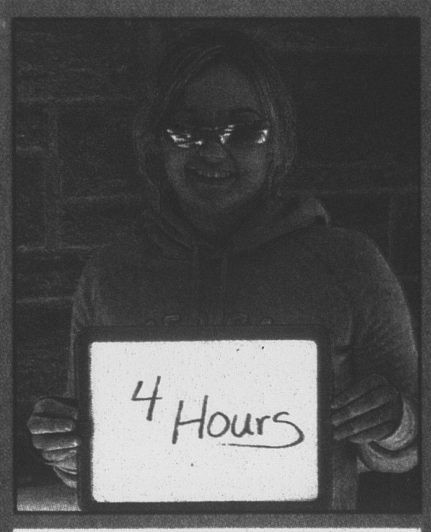
Think of your bed as just that, a bed. No eating or studying in it.

Don't nap throughout the day.

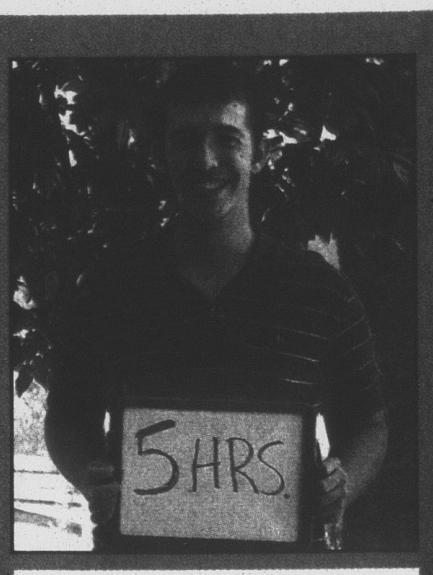
Avoid looking at the clock.

Question of the Week:

How much sleep did you get last night?



Katie Molchan, freshman



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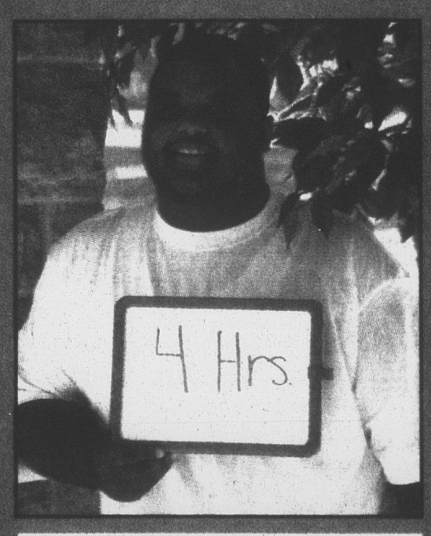

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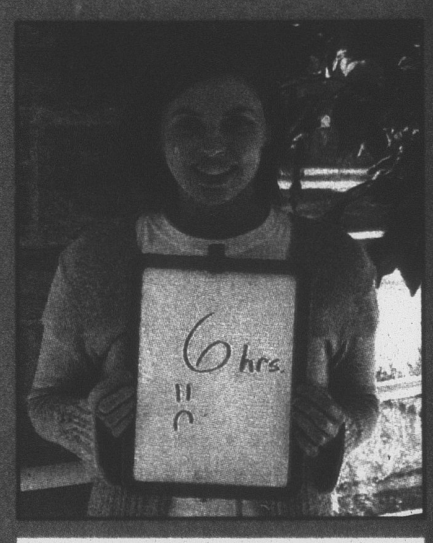


Serah Stauffer, senior

Photography by Laura DeMarzio

New album drives Death Cab for Cutie

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

Death Cab for Cutie recently came out with a fifth album at the end of August.

Reviews say this is their best record to date.

For those of you who do not know this wonderful indie band, they began in 1997 as a solo project. From there, three more members were added and thus the creation of some really good music.

I believe there new CD, *Plans*, is the kind of music that almost all Westminster students will enjoy. With their Beatles-sounding tunes and soft lyrics, this is a great album to play while doing your most despised activity, homework.

The Bellingham, Washington band was created by singer and guitarist Ben Gibbard. He started recording under the name All-Time Quarterback and soon his cassette, *You can Play these Songs' Chords*, became a huge underground success.

Members Christopher, Nick, and Nathan joined in 1998 and Death Cab for Cutie was formed, in which they took the name from a song by the band Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah. From then on, they created a succession of well-received albums and created a strong standing fan base.

Death Cab for Cutie has been know to receive a lot of opinions from the indie scene for sounding too much like Built to Spills' Doug Martsch and creating "emo" like lyrics about past relationships and heartache.

Whatever the case, this new album is truly a spectacular display of light guitar wash against soft lyrics that will entrap any listener.

No longer is love the sole theme of their records, but now includes a relationship between love and death. Lyrics such as "love is watching someone die," and "if the silence takes you, then I hope it takes me too," are two examples of the powerful words expressed in this album.

Plans includes 11 songs that were recorded and mixed by one of the bands very own members, Chris Walla. Death Cab for Cutie changed labels for the production of this album. Their fanbase has grown so large that Barsuk Records can not longer support their mass audience. Instead, Death Cab for Cutie turned to Atlantic Records.

Their lead single, "Soul Meets Body," is an example of how Death Cab for Cutie once again changed the face of pop and created a moving drum line behind soft lyrics that still make you want to tap your feet. Ben sings the song with such enthusiasm that it seems as if he might run out of breath before he starts a refrain of catchy "ba da ba da ba ba" passages that will remain in your head the rest of the day.

The album is very closely related to their last, *Transatlanticism*, which was released in 2003 and featured on *The O.C.* The only two songs that vary are "Summer Skin" and "Your Heart is an Empty Room," which never turn from their musical holding pattern. Death Cab for Cutie is known for never changing their sound to a great extent. At least you know what you are getting when you a buy their albums.

Death Cab for Cutie plays at Dickinson College on the 21st of this month. I would advise you to go. It'll be one of the wisest decisions you will make this semester. You can also check them out at Purevolume.com.

Contributed photo

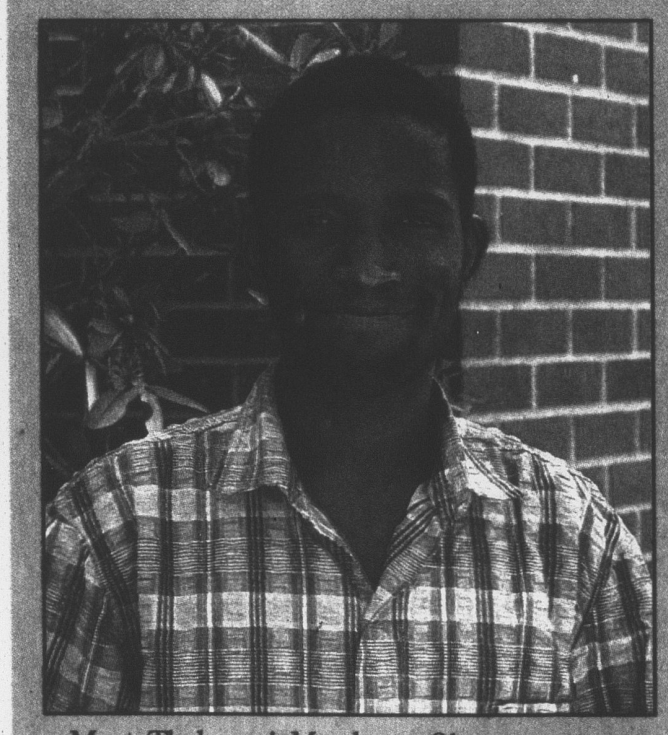
Death Cab for Cutie will play at Dickinson College on October 21.

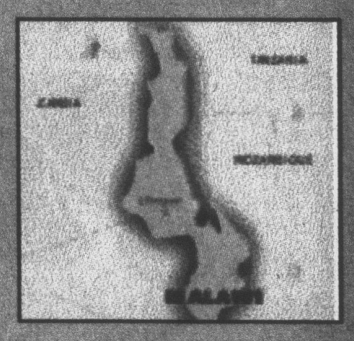
Natalie Coccia is a junior media art major/PR minor despite the fact that she has not taken time to declare either at the registrar. As of now, she is struggling with her love-hate relationship with Myspace.

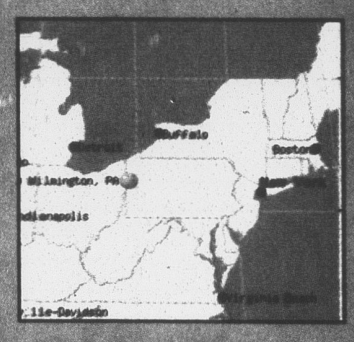
Q&A with one lucky foreign freshman

Titan Eye Candy

From Africa to Amish Paradise.- One Student's Story







Meet Thokozani Mwebe, a 21 year old freshman accounting major, who is getting his first taste of life in the United States. Thoko, as he likes to be called, traveled 28 hours by plane from his hometown in Malawi, Africa, to the U.S. He tells me that in his hometown there is no television, phone, or internet. He left his family of two sisters and a brother in order to come to Westminster for an education. The only form of communication Thoko has with his family is through a hand written letter.

"Of course I miss them," he said. "But coming here was the best opportunity for me."

Back in high school, Thoko was almost forced to drop out because of financial hardships. It costs to money attend school in Malawi. It was then that Thoko met with his headmaster and learned that a man in Iowa wanted to sponsor him and help him continue his education. The sponsor recommended Westminster College because he wanted Thoko to attend a school that was affiliated with a church.

Playing soccer is his favorite pastime although he acknowledges some differences between soccer in the U.S. and Malawi. "I have been playing soccer for the past 12 years," he said. "And like the rest of the world, in Malawi, we call it football."

I have been sheltered because Westminster is all I know. I haven't really been out there.
Thokozani Mwebe

Thoko says that the U.S. isn't that much different from Malawi, but admits that he hasn't yet toured the country. "I have been sheltered because Westminster is all I know. I haven't really been out there," he said.

Many adjustments have been made on his part, including learning to keep up with Americans fast-paced speech, eating different foods and having access to internet and television. Thoko says his favorite dish from back home is nsima [na-seem-a], where flour is made out of corn and the dish is eaten with relish. He's had to change some of his eating habits while at college. He prefers the cafeteria to the Tub and enjoys pasta, rice, cereal, chicken and fruit.

So far, Thoko is adjusting well not only to college life, but life on a different continent. He plans to return to Malawi one day, but not before attending graduate school and pursuing his Master's degree.

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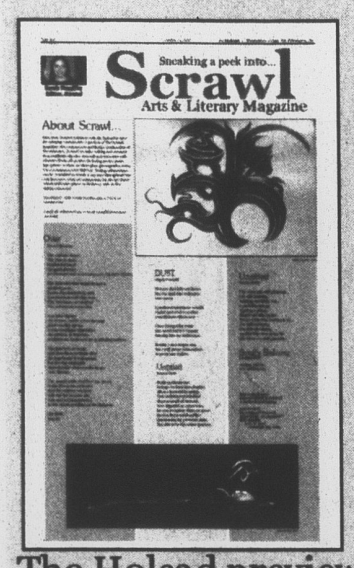

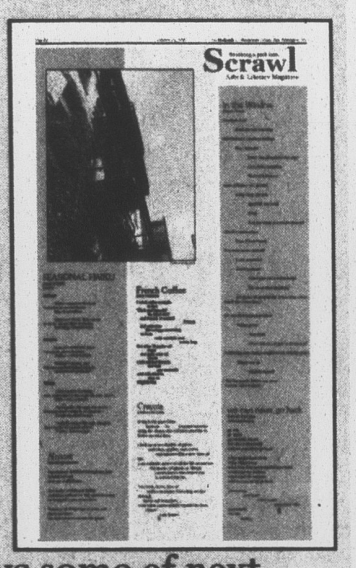

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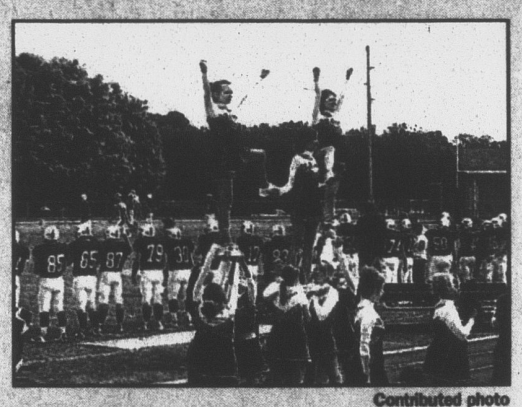

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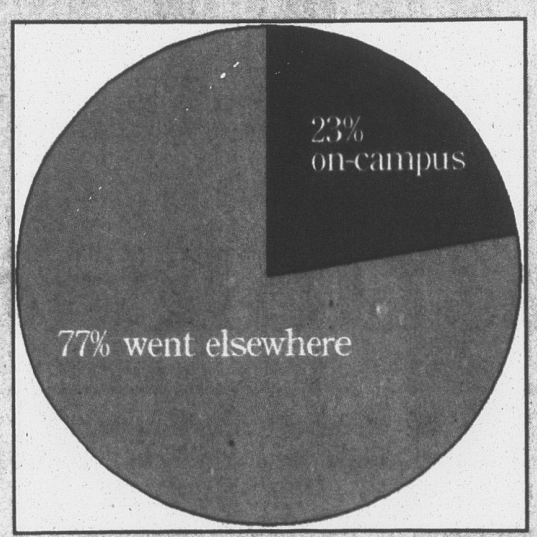

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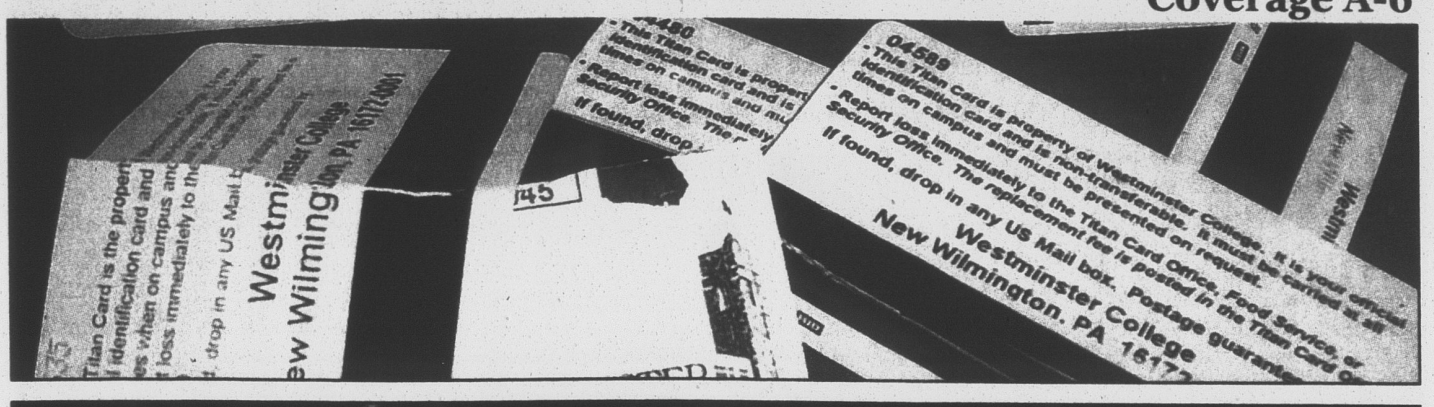

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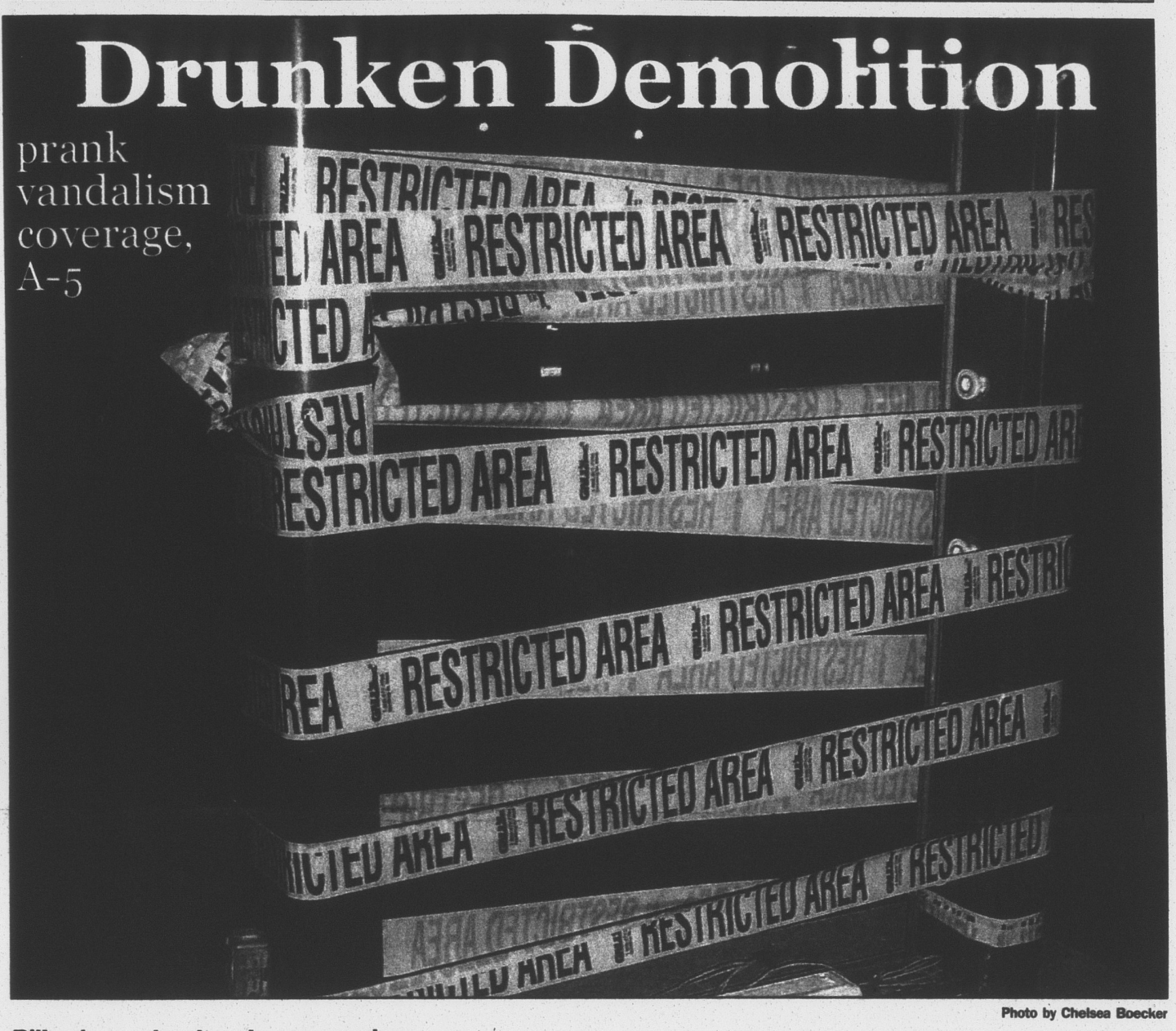

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Pillaging a landmark possession

The yellow ribbons tape up the sides of what was the Browne campus map. It may look easy to fix, but authorities say it could cost thousands to repair.

Locked doors leave campus unhinged

By Brian Najar
Campus Writer

Little inconveniences can turn a good day into a bad one. One of these little inconveniences on campus has been the fact that the doors between McKelvey and Thompson Clark are locked, on occasion for no apparent reason. That may just be a hiccup if you're trying to get to a class in Thompson Clark, but if you're trying to get to the audio-visual department to get a PowerPoint or a movie for a presentation, that can be a bigger problem.

The AV department wants everyone to know that they are open, even if the doors are locked. The doors between McKelvey and Thompson Clark, which is the main entrance to the AV department, have been a thorn in the side of some students for a while now. Not knowing whether the doors will be unlocked has caused an inconvenience for students trying to get to the AV department or scrambling to get from the Tub to their next class in Thompson Clark.

While locked doors may seem like a small aggravation to most, this can be a major problem to students in need of the services of the AV department. "As students, especially the newer ones, try to get to the AV department they find the doors locked and think the department is closed," said Gary Swanson, director audio visual services. "We want to make sure that people get to us if they need help."

Swanson said that it doesn't happen that often during the day and when the doors are locked he can open them. The biggest problem is when the doors are locked on Thursday nights. The department is open from 6:30-7:30 every Thursday for students who aren't on campus during the day such as student teachers and L.L.P. students. "Those students need to rely on the fact that the AV department will be open during that hour

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DDR-4 Katrina steps it up, touting efforts

By Jaimee Davis
Campus Writer

To say that DDR-4-KATRINA was a success would be an understatement.

The brothers of Alpha Phi Omega, the co-ed service fraternity, held a Dance Dance Revolution fund-raiser on Saturday, Oct. 1. With more than 50 participants and several brothers who were sponsored to play all day, the brotherhood raised close to $1000 for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

"Because of lots of campus participation, we were able to raise close to $1000, which is high compared to many fundraising efforts on campus," sophomore Joel Montgomery said. "It was also a lot of fun in the process."

The fund-raiser owes much of its success to Dr. Pete Smith, a professor in the chemistry department and avid DDR player. The brothers asked him if he would like to be part of their effort, and he graciously agreed. With 35 sponsors and a grand total of 75 songs played that day, Dr. Smith was the highest-grossing player of the day.

"I have one more sponsor to collect from, and that will bring my total to $400," Smith said.

While they were not the highest-grossing dancers of the day, sophomores Bryan Bischof and Anthony Colwell danced the most. Dressed in their DDR gear, "Zippers" and "Jenny Rom," Bischof and Colwell's respective DDR aliases, showcased how much a lot of practice can pay off. With several sponsors backing up the roommates-gone DDR mates, the two danced a total of 237 songs throughout the course of the day. They were able to bring in over $100 from their individual song sponsors and an additional $100 in flat donations.

Many paid to play all day and other brothers were able to play for either all day or several hours, but with less success in finding sponsors. However, the event grossed $212.11 at the door along with two large shopping bags of clothes and one of economy-sized canned goods. The clothing and goods will go to the Prince of Peace Center in Farrell, and once all the sponsors' donations are collected, a check will be cut for the hurricane victims via the Salvation Army.

Alpha Phi Omega's executive board has discussed continuing the event each fall in conjunction with the Campus Programming Committee.

"I hope our DDR-a-thon will continue for years to come and that all the Westminster students to follow me will have as much fun as I did," senior Amanda Kovacic said.

opinions/editorials

&Rant & Rave

I didn't know the library had books in it.

But you've got the anchor haircut!

What's with only a few of the network ports working in McKelvey?

Ninja kick the damn rabbit.

Someone build a fire, I'm freezing.

Why couldn't they clean the carpets when McKelvey was closed?

Why is it so cold in most of the buildings? I swear I saw penguins dancing on the floor.

I wish there was a computer lab in McKelvey.

Why are the computer labs never open when we need them?

Who actually wants to stay in the dorms over break?

Be sexy. Wear tweed.

You can't hear them. You are in the other room roleplaying, and by roleplaying, we mean having chocolate.

Oh, Solomon's golden loins of fire!

Oh, sweet nectar of Jezebel's crescent moon!

The commuter lots are for students who *have* to drive to class, not for those who *want* to, so walk.

Can't talk right now, the squirrels are watching!

I'm slashing the tires of the next car I see in the commuter lot without a green tag.

I wish there was something to do around here.

Who doesn't want to stay in the dorms over break? It's so quiet and the Internet is so fast!

The townhouses are getting old, we need a new scandal.

No one can see me up here..

They did what to the what?

Sorry, my laziness got the best of me.

Yay, piracy!

Pirates of Silicon Valley is the best geek flick ever.

My hovercraft is full of eels.

Hmm. She has good syntax.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

McGill library renovation details emerge

By Tory Duerr
Staff Writer

Although we are only a little over a month into the semester, this semester has proven to be a very busy one for the library faculty and staff.

The first two weeks were spent adapting the library schedule to the new student worker system, but since Monday, September 12, the library has been running smoothly on its regular hours.

Now that the library has taken care of meeting the basic study needs of its students, the faculty and staff can concentrate on executing larger projects: namely a project that our head librarian, Miss Spinney, aptly refers to as "The Library Project."

I don't know about you, but something about the sound of "The Library Project" really appeals to me. It is so straightforward and concise, yet fills one with overwhelming curiosity and anticipation of great things to come.

When in the library, one is given the illusion of being truly and completely immersed in academia; any novel read in the library suddenly becomes more interesting, any paper written in the library magically begins to read more smoothly. I could go on for days, detailing the wonders of the library, but since I'm trying to break the of the Holcad editors editing the life out of my articles, I'm going to skip right to my point.

If any academic building on campus deserves some extra funds for revamping, it is definitely the library.

"The Library Project" is a five year library renovation plan. According to Miss Spinney, the library faculty recently met with a firm of architects to discuss estimated costs for possible renovations to McGill Library. Additionally, two engineers did an MEP review of McGill to see what mechanical, electrical, and plumbing changes could be made to the library. Students who frequent the library will be glad to hear that the renovations will likely include the installation of air conditioning.

The main reason for the library renovation is the growing collection of resources in the library. The fixed shelving that currently holds the books in McGill no longer provides enough shelf space.

As part of the five year plan, McGill is going to replace its fixed shelving with compact shelving, which is mobile shelving that moves on tracks and generally holds twice the capacity as fixed shelving. Compact shelving typically contains mechanical and electrical assist systems that enable library patrons to easily move the shelves to access books.

While explaining the compact shelving to me, Miss Spinney must have noticed my eyes growing wide with terror, because she was quick to explain the safety features included in the new shelving system. There will be sensors between the rows of movable shelves. If these sensors detect a body between two moving shelves, the shelves will automatically stop moving together on the tracks.

Therefore, even if library attendance suggests that a good portion of the Westminster population may very well have a deep-seated fear of the library, there will be no reason to fear the new compact shelving; the safety features ensure that the compact shelving will not viciously swallow library goers and create compact students.

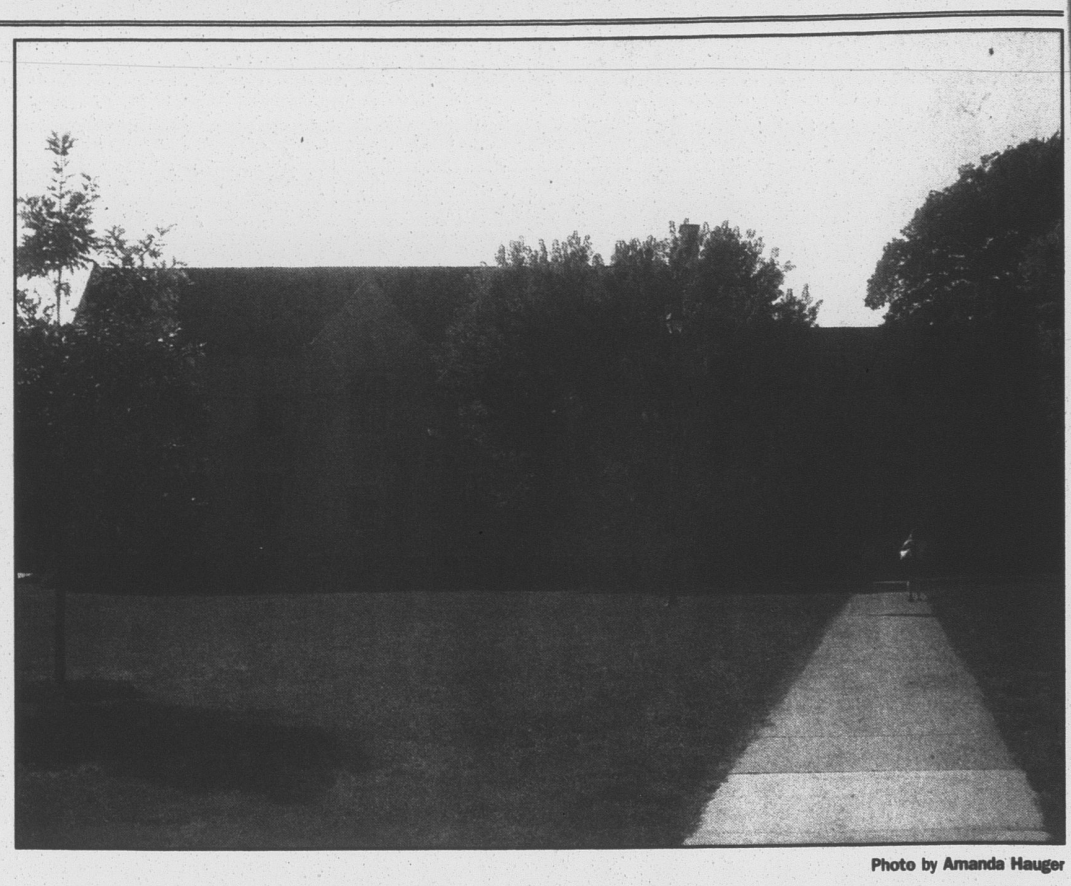

Photo by Amanda Hauger

"The Library Project" increases girth of resources, adding amenities ensuring stability for future generations of Westminsterian glory.

Campus needs more variety in order to conform

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

Well, break is over. At least I think it is. I keep doing this thing where I create a fantasy world in my head that never has to go to class and I never have to do work. It really clashes with this whole "reality" thing that tells me I have to go to class. It's a real downer, let me tell you. Hey, give me a break. Senioritis bit me halfway through my sophomore year.

Anyway, I spent my break on Penn State's main campus. I was originally going to write a comparison article between the two schools, but that's a little hard. After all, Penn State has a bus to take people to the heart of the action, the entire school gets into the college football game, and enormous classes.

Westminster, on the other hand, can see the other side of campus from their dorm windows, rarely drags themselves out of bed at 1:00 to see a football game, and has quaint, smaller classes. See? A little hard to do.

The thing I finally decided to write about this week is the food. I know, I know. Food at Westminster is a long debated topic. It's been going on since I've been here, maybe longer.

It's like this. At Penn State I was spoiled. Not only did the school have multiple cafeterias, they all weren't owned by the same company! Can you imagine that? You could take your student card, take it to where the food was better, and gorge yourself! Oh, this is my favorite part: the different companies actually fight for dominance.

I know, I know. My mind is blown too. I can't imagine going to school somewhere where there isn't a horrible monopoly that doesn't care if the students get food poisoning as long as they have no other choice but to eat there. I can't imagine walking into the cafeteria and having decisions to make. Just think! You could go weeks without ever eating the same five meal rotation we get now!

I know it would take a lot of work to get there, but trust me, Westminster. I know what gets your noodle going. If incoming students see the massive variety of things to eat, imagine the possibility! If I was an incoming student and I saw a school like Westminster that offered a wide variety of food to eat that didn't poison students, I'd be all for it. Of course, that's just personal preference.

But, I'm afraid this isn't the case here. The new townhouses are going to eliminate off campus housing, and everyone will be required to buy a meal plan and get sick off of having to eat the same things over and over again. The monopoly holds strong.

I'm just saying, give us some variety. A man can only eat General Tso's chicken so many times before he begins to yearn for more.

That's a cool word, *yearn*.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. He spends most of his spare time nursing an addiction to "Kool-Aid Jammers" and creating insane theories about dinosaurs. If you see him on campus, give him a cookie. This will please him, as well as shut him up until you can escape.

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Have you had or will you have a once-in-a-lifetime experience?

Write a letter to the editor!

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Got a Powerball ticket?

The hottest ticket in 27 states, including Pennsylvania, is the Powerball ticket for Wednesday's record $340-million jackpot. Powerball Fever has people at local convenience stores rushing in to buy up tickets. According to state lottery officials, buying one ticket has a 1 in 146,107,962 chance of having the exact six numbers needed for the jackpot.

New Wilmington man accused of shooting at cops

State Police say 35-year-old Mark Wiley faces charges of attempted homicide for allegedly shooting a rifle at wife and then at state troopers when they arrived at their Mercer County home on Tuesday. Troopers say the incident followed an argument between the couple at their Mercer-New Wilmington Road home in Wilmington Township. Nobody was hurt.

Pumpkin auction part of autumn heritage

One sign of the change of seasons in Wilmington Township is the annual pumpkin auction at the Wilmington Produce Auction. Farmers from Lawrence and Mercer Counties, including the Amish, roll in the wagons and carts from their fields for the season's most colorful harvests.

School uniforms cut down fighting at NCHS

New Castle High School officials say mandatory uniform policy has reduced the number of fights at the school since the policy went into effect more than a year ago. NCHS Security Officer Security Guard Darrell Holmes says that there has been a lot less violence since the induction of uniforms. School officials also say the dress code enhances safety on campus by making it obvious who is not supposed to be on campus.

Weaver's

WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1. What was on the ballot for Iraqis last weekend?
   a. A list of candidates for parliament.
   b. A proposed constitution.
   c. Sunni & Shiite candidates for president.
   d. Sunni & Shiite candidates for prime minister.
   e. A constitutional amendment to ban flag burning.

2. What area school district is coping with repeated bomb threats in recent weeks?
   a. Wilmington Area School District
   b. New Castle School District
   c. Union School District
   d. Grove City School District
   e. Seneca Valley School District

3. Which state was the winning $340 Powerball ticket purchased this week?
   a. Oregon
   b. Washington
   c. Pennsylvania
   d. New York
   e. West Virginia

4. Identify a MLB team headed to this year's World Series.
   a. The Texas Rangers
   b. The Boston Red Sox
   c. The Chicago White Sox
   d. The New York Yankees
   e. The Houston Astros

5. Identify a country where bird flu has been detected this week.
   a. Russia
   b. Canada
   c. Mexico
   d. France
   e. Australia

6. Identify the Hurricane now headed toward parts of Florida.
   a. Hurricane Wilbur
   b. Hurricane Zach
   c. Hurricane Thomas
   d. Hurricane Stella
   e. Hurricane Wilma

7. Identify the football team the Titans face this Saturday.
   a. Bethany College
   b. St. Vincent's College
   c. Geneva College
   d. Thiel College
   e. Broadwater College

1).B,2).D,3).A4).E,5).A,6).E 7).D

Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations instructor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with dubious current event quizes.

REGIONAL

Rare Bird hatches at Pit. Nat'l Aviary

A rare flightless bird has hatched at the National Aviary in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The Guam rail chick, whose ancestors were nearly wiped out by the brown tree snake, hatched on Oct. 8.

Allied troops during World War II accidentally introduced the snakes to the Pacific island, which was once home to more than 80,000 of the birds. Now, with a breeding program, 250 of them exist.

Megan Ross, the Hope B. McCormick curator of birds at Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, is coordinator of the Guam rail species survival plan sponsored by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association. She said because of the snakes, the half-pound, brown-and-white birds don't survive long in the wild before being eaten.

Once the chick is old enough to leave his parents, he will go to a captive breeding program in Guam, Ross said.

NATIONAL

Madeline Albright turns *Gilmore Girl*?

Former Secretary of State tries out acting skills with a guest appearance

NEW YORK (AP) - Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will make a guest appearance on the Oct. 25 episode of the WB's "Gilmore Girls."

"I am a big fan of 'Gilmore Girls' and I had a great time," Albright said in a statement. "It was an opportunity to do something different for a quick minute, and I learned how hard it is to memorize those lines."

Albright, secretary of state under President Clinton, filmed a scene with Alexis Bledel, who plays Rory Gilmore. The episode involves the ongoing estrangement between Rory and her mother, Lorelai Gilmore, played by Lauren Graham.

Norman Mailer and Carole King also have appeared on the show. Mailer appeared as himself, and King played the owner of the town's music store in two episodes.

Still, Albright left quite an impression on the WB set.

"If you think she seems brilliant and sassy strutting around the Middle East, you should try talking to her in person," "Gilmore Girls" executive producer Amy Sherman-Palladino said in a statement. "We are very honored, very lucky, and soooo not worthy."

INTERNATIONAL

Hurricaine Wilma

Packing 175 MPH wind, grows into most intense Atlantic strom ever recorded

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras (AP) - Gathering strength at a fierce pace, Hurricane Wilma swirled into the most intense Atlantic storm ever recorded Wednesday, a Category 5 monster packing 175 mph wind that forecasts warned was "extremely dangerous."

Wilma was dumping rain on Central America and Mexico. A hurricane watch was in effect for the east coast of Mexico's Yucatan peninsula, parts of Cuba and the Cayman Islands, and forecasters warned of a "significant threat" to Florida by the weekend.

"All interests in the Florida Keys and the Florida peninsula should closely monitor the progress of extremely dangerous Hurricane Wilma," the National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

At 8 a.m., the hurricane was centered about 340 miles southeast of Cozumel, Mexico. Maximum sustained wind was 175 mph, forecasters said.

It was expected to dump up to 25 inches of rain in mountainous areas of Cuba through Friday, and up to up to 15 inches in the Caymans and Jamaica through Thursday. Up to 12 inches was possible from Honduras through the Yucatan peninsula, the U.S. weather service said.

Wilma's confirmed pressure readings Wednesday morning dropped to 882 millibars _ the lowest minimum pressure ever measured in a hurricane in the Atlantic basin, according to the hurricane center. Lower pressure translates into higher wind speed.

Forecasters said Wilma was stronger than the devastating Labor Day hurricane that hit the Florida Keys in 1935, the strongest Atlantic hurricane to make landfall on record. But Wilma wasn't expected to keep its record strength for long, as higher disruptive atmospheric winds in the Gulf of Mexico around the hurricane should weaken it before landfall, said Hugh Cobb, a meteorologist at the hurricane center.

KICKER

College costs still in flux

Price increases moderate, but reliance on borrowing still up

(AP) - For students and parents, it's the first sliver of good news about college costs for several years: price increases slowed this year, growing at the lowest rate since 2001.

But the bad news is the 7.1 percent increase at public four-year universities remains well above the general inflation rate, and drove the "list price" of tuition and fees at those schools to an average of $5,491, according to an annual survey released Tuesday by the College Board.

Prices at two-year public colleges, which educate nearly half of American college students, rose 5.4 percent to $2,191. At four-year private, nonprofit colleges, costs rose 5.9 percent to $21,235.

Most families don't pay the full list price, thanks to grants from the government and other sources, as well as tax breaks. Typical net costs: $11,600 at private four-year schools; $2,200 at public four-year schools, and just $400 at community colleges.

Yet students at four-year public colleges are paying an estimated $750 more than just two years ago. And while total financial aid is increasing, loans accounted for more of the growth than grants for the third consecutive year, the College Board said. Students have to pay back loans, but not grants.

James Boyle, president of the group College Parents of America, said schools and policy-makers aren't working hard enough to hold down costs. "The beat goes on with increases in colleges costs, and parents are growing weary of the same old tune," he said.

Average debt for undergraduate borrowers is now $15,500 _ a figure experts consider manageable for most students, given that college graduates can expect to earn nearly $20,000 more per year than high school graduates. Still, increases in borrowing raise concerns that some students will be priced out of college, drop out, or graduate but stay away from low-paying public service jobs so they can repay debts.

"We have deserving students who are being kept out of college or have difficulty completing degrees because of a lack of money," said Gaston Caperton, president of the nonprofit College Board, which also owns the SAT college entrance exam.

The results come as Congress is negotiating a new version of the Higher Education Act, which would set federal financial aid policy for the coming years. A House version passed last month increases some grants, but critics say it would harm borrowers by cutting $9 billion from student loan programs.

College Board officials and university presidents devoted much of a news conference announcing the results to concerns over college access for poor students, who _ even if they have high test scores _ earn college degrees at significantly lower rates than rich students. They also criticized the proliferation of popular state programs that award college grants based on merit, not need.

Campus News

Horsing around

In honor of this weekend's horseriding events, we asked one junior saddler to write on her riding experiences.

By Aidan Mewha
Guest Writer

Horse people are crazy; it's a god-given fact. Evidence of this is shown through many different ways such as rodeos, eventing, and the closer to home Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. At these intercollegiate horse shows, teams gather from all around the region to throw their riders onto random horses, and then have them jump sed horses over a course of obstacles up to three feet high. Now, to the common person that doesn't sound very hard because all you do is just sit there, right? Well, I would answer your question if I wasn't too busy swapping leads, finding a distance, and making sure that I look good doing it.

I have been a horse show competitor since I was eight years old, making my debut in the walk-trot ring with my pigtails flapping in the wind. I have shown in almost every hunter and equitation division possible, and I must tell you that I have never done anything as hard as Intercollegiate Horse shows. With a regular horse show, it's more of a pain because it includes, but is not limited to: bathing, clipping, hauling, tack cleaning, schooling, bathing again, and constructing stall guards out of twine and lead ropes. But, with all of that, you still know the horse in and out, and know what to expect of him. With an intercollegiate show, it's a grab-and-go job where you grab your clothes and go. No prep, no idea what you're going to run into that day.

A normal day at an intercollegiate show has the riders arriving around 8a.m., and they get to watch some of the horses school as they stand in line to register. Then after everyone registers, a mob, not much different than those seen at an old backstreet boys concert, forms around the people posting the horse assignments. There is a brief cussing session off to the side for the few who aren't satisfied with their horse, but most everyone else goes off to walk the course with their trainer. Walking the course consists of the trainers coaching the riders of what to watch for, and the riders mentally prepare themselves for failure.

Don't get me wrong. Intercollegiate horse shows are fun, challenging, and are a great opportunity to meet new people. I am very glad that I joined the Equestrian Team because it allows me to follow my passion for horses, since I had to sell mine when I left for college. One thing that I would like to let people know is that you don't have to know anything about horses to join the equestrian team. We welcome anyone who likes animals and is willing to learn.

WC Equestrian Team is hosting an Intercollegiate Horse Show at Little Neshanock Stables on 10/23, Sunday, from 9 AM to 4PM

Sometimes its better if they don't know anything about horses because then they actually listen...rather than divas like me who have been doing it all of their lives.

Obligatory computer lab printing prices jam students, create frustration

Photo by

A student throws her arms up in frustration as the printer jams while printing a paper.

By Jeremy Lawler
Campus Writer

Obligatory fees have kept students 'paying' attention to printing charges newly installed this fall in both the computer labs and libraries.

A 43-day study conducted in the fall of 2004 from Sept. 29 to Nov. 14 focused on determining the amount of printing that was being conducted in the labs and libraries. The results were astonishing. One specific user printed out a total of 2,624 pages. In an effort to reduce the number of waste copies being produced, the Instructional Resource Council (IRC) was called in to implement a program to charge students for printing services.

Paul Wallace, Director of the Information Systems Department and chairman of IRC in the fall term is impressed in the reduction of wasted paper. "We are already seeing that not as much paper is needed," Wallace said. "People are a bit more conscious about what they print."

Balances first appeared on the computers in the libraries and labs last spring so that students would get used to seeing that charges were being calculated each time they hit print.

Currently, students are allowed $32.50 or 325 pages per student, per semester for 'free' printing.

After the 325 pages are used up, students will be charged 10 cents per page printed. According to the Business Office, students who go over the allotted page amount will be charged. However, the Business Office has not encountered this situation as of yet and no students have been billed.

Molly Spinney, Associate Professor and Head Librarian states that the newly installed printing program is working very effectively. "The program was set up to scare students a little bit, " Spinney said. "It is having a good effect and I'm impressed in the reduction of waste copies."

But what happens to those students who are working on extensive research for capstone? As of yet, there is no light at the end of the tunnel to printing charges for capstone students.

However, IRC is still discussing and seeing whether adjustments are to be made, allowing these students to have a higher printing allowance.

Senior psychology major, Danielle Gorley who is currently working on her capstone project finds the printing charges a nuisance. "I printed well over 325 pages for research alone," Gorley said. "If I did the research this year, I would have had to pay for at least an extra 100 pages."

IRC will be meeting on Oct. 20 to discuss the printing issues in the libraries and labs and to determine whether changes will be made for students who are working on capstone projects.

Locked out

Campus bemoans shut doors

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every week. They have enough going on, they don't need to worry about that," said Swanson.

"When the building is open, those doors should be open," said Bill Brandt, site manager of security. "The doors between the two buildings should be open until at least 11:00pm when Thompson Clark is locked."

Junior Sarah Spardy seems to think differently. "We've been open every Thursday and every week the doors are locked."

Whatever the case may be, the fact is that the AV department is open during the hours that are posted.

"If for some reason the doors are locked and it's during the hours of operation for the AV department," Swanson said, "Knock, and somebody will let you in."

For students counting on that route as a shortcut to Thompson Clark, it might be a good idea to bite the bullet and just go outside and around to the front.

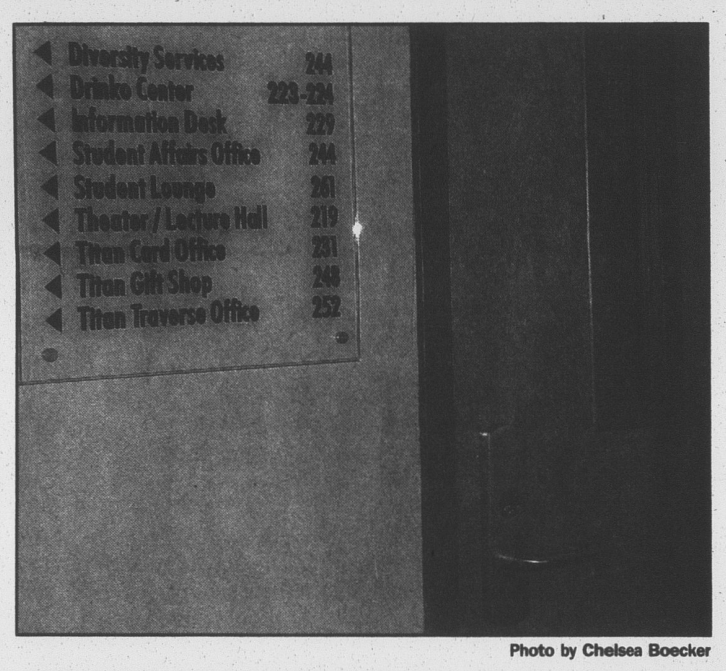


Photo by Chelsea Boecker

Many of the doors between Thompson-Clark and McKelvey are often locked when students feel that they shouldn't be.

Singing with Soul

Led by a new director, the Gospel Choir looks forward to an exciting year

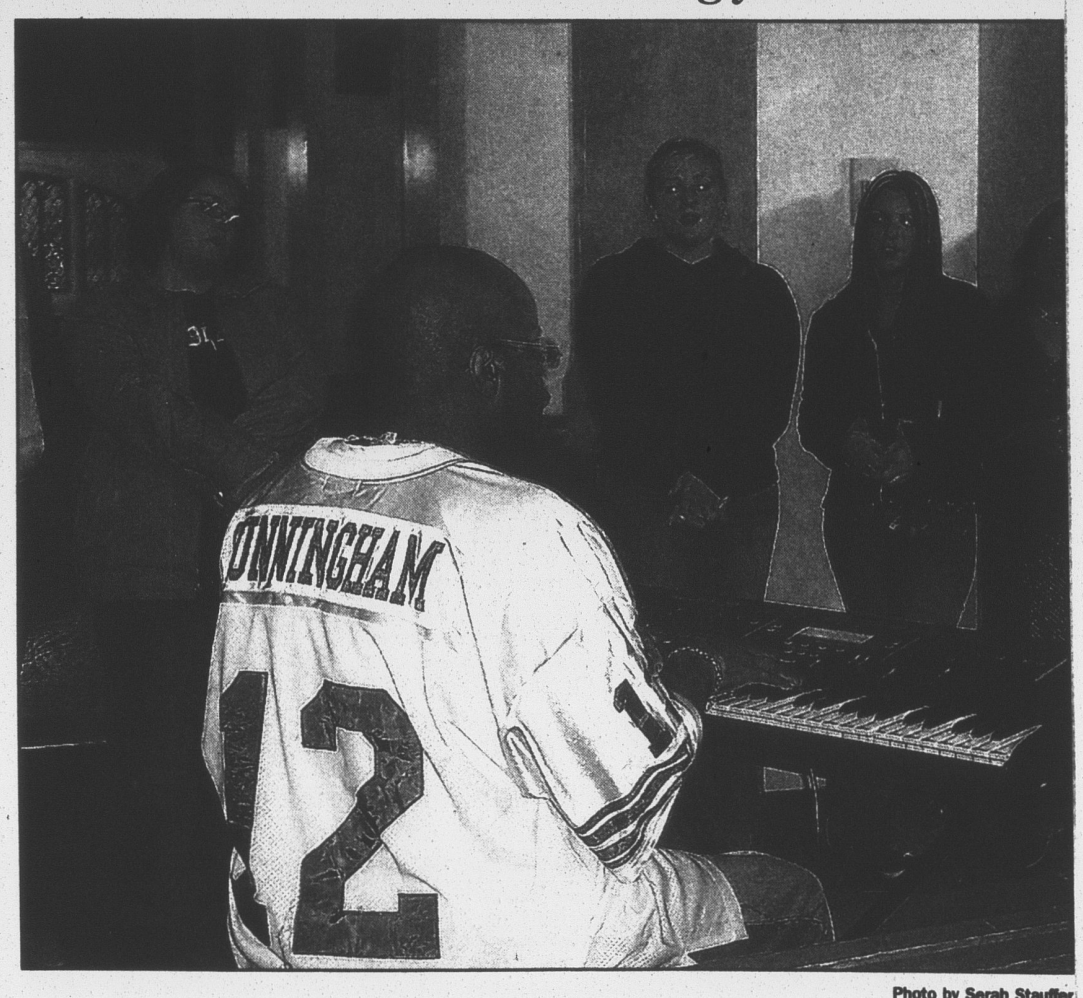


Photo by Serah Stauffer

James Henderson plays the keyboard during Gospel choir rehearsal.

By Leanna Stitt
Staff Writer

Walk past the chapel on Thursday evenings and you're bound to hear waves of beautiful voices pouring out of the stained glass windows. Through its combination of energized clapping and animated singing, the Gospel Choir knows the right ingredients to put their listeners' ears in high spirits.

This year Gospel Choir not only looks forward to numerous new members, but also to new leadership under James Henderson, known to choir members as "Manny." Selected out of two candidates, Henderson started directing the 50 member choir at the beginning of this fall semester. The interview process consisted of both candidates conducting a rehearsal with the group while showing their musical talents, along with their teaching abilities.

Currently, Henderson also directs a youth choir at the City Rescue Mission in New Castle and an adult choir in the same area.

Lindsay McCarty, secretary of Gospel choir, said "I really feel like we're moving in a good direction with Manny and all the new members we have."

Since he was five years of age, Henderson has played the drums and more recently has learned how to play the piano. Ironically, Henderson was taught to play the piano by former Gospel Choir Director, Gordon Austin. Austin moved to Florida at the end of last year where he currently pursues major gospel choir events with his three musically-gifted daughters.

The Gospel Choir plans to take a trip to Florida over spring break and sing with their former director. Other upcoming events include a concert on Thursday, November 17th at 7:30 p.m. at a "to be announced" location.

Also, Gospel Choir will be recording a new CD this November for the first time in two years. Proceeds from the CD purchases will go towards the trip to Florida.

In addition to their already eventful schedule, the choir will be singing at various chapel and vesper services throughout December. Keep your eyes open for details on upcoming performances.

"No matter what," McCarty remarks, "Gospel Choir is never about the performances and always about giving it up to God."

Currently, rehearsals are held at 7:00 p.m. Thursdays in the Chapel. New members are always welcome to join.

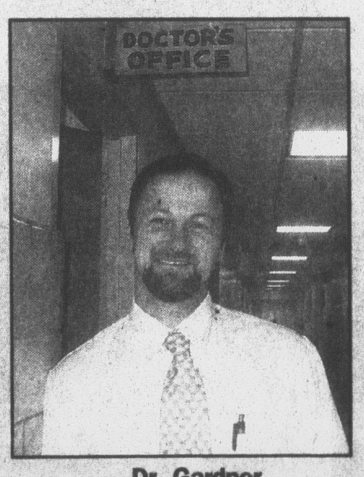
Doc Alert

Virus Gastroenteritis "Stomach Flu"

Stomach flu is a viral infection that affects the stomach and small intestine. It is also called viral gastroenteritis. The illness is usually brief, lasting 1 to 3 days.

Gastroenteritis is caused by swallowing certain viruses that lead to an infection. The body fluids of infected people contain the virus, sometimes even before their symptoms begin. The virus can be spread by direct contact with an infected person (for example, kissing or shaking hands) or by sharing food, drink, or eating utensils.

The virus enters the stomach and intestine and inflames the lining of these organs. As a result, the stomach and intestine are temporarily unable to perform their usual functions. The virus can also cause food to move more rapidly through your gastrointestinal (GI) tract causing diarrhea, the most common symptom of gastroenteritis.



Dr. Gardner

When you have stomach flu, you may have one or more of the following symptoms: fatigue, chills, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, stomach cramps, diarrhea, low-grade fever, muscle aches. The illness may develop over a period of hours, or it may suddenly start with stomach cramps, vomiting, or diarrhea.

The acute illness should not last more than 3 days, however the diarrhea can persist for up to 2 weeks. If you develop a fever greater than 101 degree's or you have severe abdominal pain along with the above symptoms you should come to the health center ASAP.

Since a virus is the cause there are no antibiotics that help. The best treatment is to allow your stomach to rest. Initially, eat nothing and drink plenty of water up to 10 glasses a day along with some Gatorade for electrolyte replacement. Avoid milk, citrus juice, and carbonated beverages until diarrhea has resolved.

The single, most helpful way to prevent the spread of "stomach flu" is frequent, thorough hand washing. Also, avoid contact with the body fluids of an infected person, including saliva.

Go Titans!

Yours truly,

Doc Gardner

More news from around the campus

Safety & Security Issues

Dean of Safety and Security gives safety tips

By Jolene Slattery
Campus Writer

With the change in locking hours for dorms, rumors of strange people by the lake, and a flasher in town, campus security has become a hot topic.

"I'd rather know what is going on so we can resolve the issue or take steps to prevent it from happening again," Assistant Dean of Safety and Security John Lechner said.

Dorm locking hours were increased this year to better coincide with desk sitting and visitation hours and to increase the safety of residence halls.

In past years, campus security patrolled the campus in white vans. However, those could be mistaken for the catering vehicles. This year, in an effort to increase the visibility of the officers, they now patrol in silver vans, clearly labeled as Westminster College Security.

Campus security officers are not the only ones patrolling the campus, as it is also included in borough police patrols. Walkway lighting has also been improved over the past few years to increase the safety of pedestrians.

Lechner offered some tips for personal safety. Be aware of your surroundings while on foot. Be wary of strangers that do not look to be part of the campus community. Never walk alone. Carry a cell phone for emergencies. Stay in lighted areas as you walk.

"I guess that maybe bad stuff happens sometimes, but I don't really worry about my safety on campus," senior Jean Cochran said.

If something should happen, call boxes are available at each campus building. The red button automatically connects to security, or the box can be used to dial 911.

Various campus personnel are trained and available to handle reports of sexual crimes. Both students and staff can become members of the sexual assault task force. "All of the people who have been trained have signs outside their doors so they can be easily identified," junior Sarah Webster said.

The SATF will be holding a sexual assault awareness week in November.

All coaches, residence life staff, and organization advisors are required to report to Security if a student confides in them about a crime.

Photo by Kathryn Larson

Although the lake looks safe, Dean Lechner did send out an all-campus email in 1997 warning students to be wary about of strangers down by the dock and ampitheatre.

There is also a crime report form available online where crimes of any nature can be reported anonymously.

Lechner said that in his 6 and-a-half years here, there has not been an assault reported where someone jumping out of the bushes attacked the victim. Any reported sexual assaults have involved individuals who knew each other.

Each year, Lechner issues a report in compliance with the Cleary Act, which states, "Schools must publish an annual report disclosing campus security policies and three years' worth of selected crime statistics." It also says, "Schools must make timely warnings to the campus community about crimes that pose an ongoing threat to students and employees." That report can be found on the Safety & Security page of the school website.

"No crimes are swept under the carpet. Everything that is reported to us is logged," said Lechner.

Prank vandalism culprit(s) still not apprehended, investigation continues

By Amy Shillinger
Campus Writer

Saturday, Oct. 8, the illuminated campus map outside of Browne Hall was found destroyed with only a mostly-empty bottle of vodka left nearby.

The frames of the once-colorful sign were broken, and the panels were removed. The sign used to show the location of the dormitories and dining halls, but it is now wrapped in caution tape as police try to piece the puzzling story together.

"We are still unable to put the blame on anyone," campus policeman Bob Sechez said.

On the same night as the vandalism, campus security and police were called after a harassment complaint was filed outside of Ferguson Hall. A group of four male students were chased by security as they tried to flee the scene. The four males, two of them non-students, were then turned over to the police and charged with underage drinking. Police are now questioning the suspects to see if they have any connection to the destruction of the map.

"From my experience, most of it [vandalism] is alcohol-related, occurs late at night, and is usually by those returning from socializing, 'when they have a little less self-control", Assistant Dean of Student Affairs John Lechner said

Since the beginning of the school year, there have been 10 vandalism instances, ranging from the breaking of windows to the damaging of cars. According to campus statistics, most of the vandalism on campus so far has been fairly cheap to repair.

"We live on such a beautiful campus. I couldn't imagine why anyone would want to destroy that," sophomore Browne Hall resident Alison McNary said.

Those charged with acts of vandalism will be punished through the college judicial system and reprimanded accordingly. Anyone with further information on any act vandalism should immediately contact campus security (7777), the information desk, or John Lechner himself.

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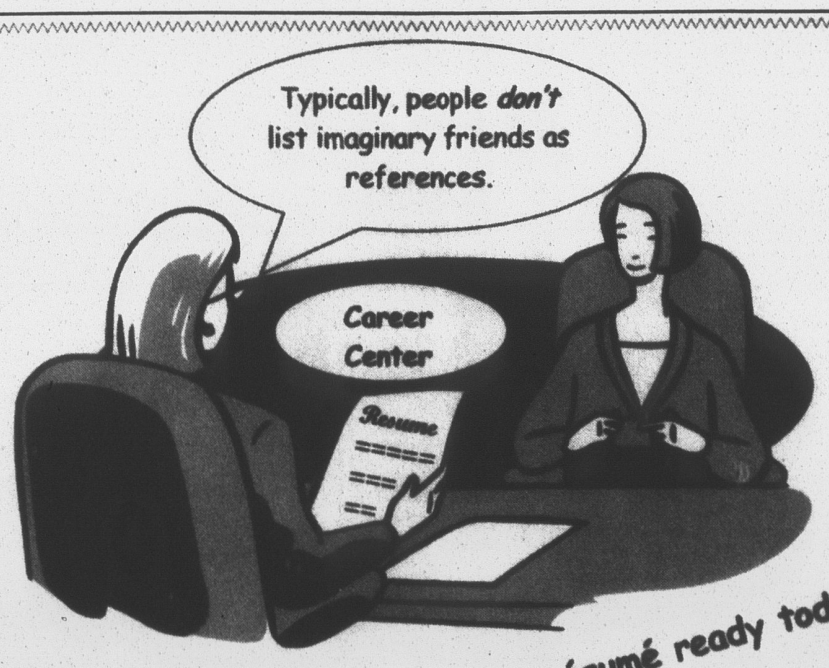

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Campus News

Break me off a piece of that... Titan Card

By Alysa Wright
Campus Writer

One of the common complaints here on campus is that Titan cards break easily, yet cost so much to replace.

As those of us who have lost or broken his or her Titan card know, it costs $10 to replace a broken card, and $20 to replace a lost card. Also if you want a temporary card, it will cost you $5 and is only good for 5 days.

"I think it's ridiculous that students have to pay so much to replace something that breaks so easily," said junior Lucinda Safran. "It's almost like the Titan card office makes a profit on them."

According to the Titan card office, at least one lost or broken card is replaced almost daily.

"The plastic [for the cards] costs about $6 and that doesn't include my time and Lisa's time," said Karen Waldo who works at the Titan card office. "I don't think it's a ridiculous price to pay."

Last fall, the Titan card office had an "amnesty day" where students could get their card replaced free on that day only. According to Waldo, they will not be having another day like that this year.

The price to replace student I.D. cards at other schools is similar to ours. Clarion students pay $10 no matter if the card is lost or broken. A flat rate of $20 is charged to Duquesne students for replacement. Gannon students get their cards replaced for free unless it is lost completely, then it is $10. Also, they will refund your money if you find your card within two weeks.

Some students believe that they should get at least one free replacement before they have to pay.

"It would be better if we at least got our Titan cards replaced for free the first time we lose it," said sophomore Rochelle Roth. "It's not that students are being irresponsible if they lose or break a Titan card, those things happen."

Titan Card Tips from *The Holcad*

Rule 1
Never ever leave your Titan Card in your back pocket.

This is one crack from you rear-end we don't want to see or hear about!

Rule 2
Buy a card holder from the bookstore.

Keeping it enveloped in a warm, spourous-friendly enviroment may, however, cause it to sprout mold like the broccoli in the veggie nibblers.

You've been warned.

Still, it's okay to let it out in certain occasions.

For instance, let it go skinny-dipping when at the TUB.

The Holcadian staff is *sure* it loves going down the "slip and slide" card reader.

Rule 3
Taping a Card together doesn't work.

If it breaks and you do this, you could be exacerbating you card's copper strip recognition. In layman's terms: it can't read the code and makes it that much harder for you to get into to your dorm drunk.

Rule 4
Don't leave your card in an open bag when it isn't in a card holder.

The card is not to be thrown around like a condom in a purse; if you were curious, it doesn't work to that end either. Read Rule 5, if you still want to try.

Rule 5
Don't try to bend your card to see how flexible it is.

(It sounds stupid but people do it all the time). On that note, washing and ironing it won't bring it back to life.

After press, raffle, squad still not cheering

By Ashley Santarsiero
Campus Writer

The fact that cheerleading is not considered a sport has been limiting some opportunities for the entire squad.

Two weeks ago, *The Holcad* ran an article about the limited funding for the cheerleaders because they are not considered a sports team by the school. The school does not consider cheerleading a sport because the squad does not compete.

In order to compete, however, cheerleaders need to be able to go out and recruit girls with a large amount of gymnastics and stunting abilities. Some cheerleaders feel that it should still be considered a sport because they do a large amount of complicated stunts and tricks.

"I feel that even though we are not considered a sport we still should receive fair funding from the school since we are in fact supporting most of the athletic teams," junior Elisa Cortazzo said.

The squad is expected to buy equipment each season that can get pretty expensive, such as shoes ranging anywhere from $55 to $65. They are also to purchase two body suits, one white and one blue, which are each $20. Those items, along with other small things, already take the total to well over $100 a year.

In 2004, the cheerleading squad received $1,168 from the Towering Titan organization.

This organization works by prospective contributors receiving a pledge card that has a box for all 18 varsity sports, cheerleading, an "all women's sports" and an "all men's sports" box.

Donations to "all men's" and "all women's sports" are divided among the sports respectively. The distribution is based upon several factors, including but not limited to squad size and specific needs.

"When alumni, parents, and friends of Titan athletics make a donation, they have a direct say as to which sports receive their donation," athletic director James Dafler said.

Many have been wondering if the article written two weeks ago had any sort of impact. Recently, the cheerleading squad received a $500 donation from an alumnus. It has not been said whether the donation was a result of the article or just coincidental.

"It's just frustrating as a captain because the school wants us to cheer for the teams, but since we are not considered a sport we can't even reserve gym time," senior Amanda Hauger said. "We have had to practice anywhere from outside, to the racquet ball court."

The cheerleaders have also just finished their iPod raffle which raised about $600. It was not, however, enough to cover the cost of the new uniforms which was approximately $2000.

Also, he squad also can not afford to get warm-ups for everyone. This lack required the girls to leave last weekend's football game at halftime because of the cold conditions.

"We're currently trying to get together another fundraiser to help pay for the other set of uniforms we want," junior cheerleader Joelle Wells said. "I wish we could somehow get the crowd more involved."

Ideas that would help get the fans more involved at games or any fundraising ideas that the faculty and students would go for, should e directed to senior captains Alyssa Karatinos and Amanda Hauger, or any other cheerleader.

Oxford & Abroad Journal Logs

Contributed photo

Group shot in "Eurobar", an Oxford pub.

Many of the Oxford study abroad students stood in awe on one of their regular Saturday nights out in Oxford's City Centre, gaping at the change in the past month's routine. Herds of young men filled the streets, dressed in blue shirts, ties and blazers, their college emblem blazing on their chests. Screaming and cheering, the boys headed for pubs and nightclubs, picking up friends of the fe male variety along the way. This scene was very different from the past few Saturdays, where only the locals roamed the streets. The town, which was quieter late at night, is now booming with students from many nationalities and backgrounds who are extremely excited to be with their friends at University. Much to the Westminster students' delight, term has begun.

Term's beginning was first evident at the beginning of the week with freshman orientation. This is no Fresh Start. Kristin Nelson and Katie Crompton, out on a late night run, saw huge groups of "freshers" wearing their white orientation shirts that were decorated with upper-classmen's signatures. They were attempting to run through Cornmarket Street but were struggling because the students were in pairs, connected by duct tape at the knee. "It actually caught me off guard," remembers Katie. "I pictured Oxford students to be dry and conservative, but I guess they can have their fun, too!"

One of the Westminster students' frequent stops is the Purple Turtle, an Oxford Student Union Pub. It's a centrally located, making it a very convenient spot for students to meet. Built with low ceilings and decorated in mostly purple, this underground pub has two bars, several lounging areas, video games and a dance floor. "It has a relaxed ambiance in the beginning but gets progressively more dance oriented as you move through the place. Cheap drinks, lots of students, it's great!" explains James Sharcot. Oxford students fill the Purple Turtle now that they have returned, and it is a hot spot because mainly University students and their professors attend.

Contributed photo

Carsen Nesbitt, Elizabeth Bacheson, Laura Zorch and Ashley Beaver in "Three Goats Heads", an Oxford pub.

Meeting people and talking to them has been challenging at times. While English is obviously the country's language, there are distinct differences between British English and American English. Words like, "posh", "fetch", and "wicked" replace "cool" and "awesome". Tired? A British individual would be "knackered." Instead of saying, "I'm joking", Brits say, "I'm taking the piss at you." Ordering food has proven difficult. Our french fries are "chips", and our chips are "crisps." Students were surprised when the food they ordered wasn't what they anticipated! "Cheers" is not only used in a toast, but also as a more informal thank you. There are many other differences in the language, causing many misunderstandings when having a conversation.

A month has passed, and a third of Westminster's time at Oxford is over. Students are planning adventures to continental Europe for the very near future, and some have already been to Paris! The stories are endless. Here's to another two months abroad! Cheers!

Log by Carsen Nesbitt, Kristin Nelson, Michelle Mair.

Next week, The Holcad checks in with two students in France!

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High	High 50°	High 54°	High 52°	High 52°	High 52°	High 54°
Low	Low 40	Low 36	Low 36	Low 35	Low 34	Low 36
Cool with periods of rain	Cool with occasional rain	Chance for a couple of showers	Chance of a shower	Chance of a shower	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:40 a.m.	6:32 p.m.
Saturday	7:41 a.m.	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	7:42 a.m.	6:29 p.m.
Monday	7:43 a.m.	6:27 p.m.
Tuesday	7:44 a.m.	6:26 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	9:04 p.m.	12:26 p.m.
Saturday	9:58 p.m.	1:24 p.m.
Sunday	10:57 p.m.	2:13 p.m.
Monday	none	2:53 p.m.
Tuesday	12:00 a.m.	3:24 p.m.

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Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Oct 24	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15

Weather History

On Oct. 21, 1991, dry winds fanned a wildfire in the Oakland, Calif., area. A wet spring, then a windy, hot fall causes the highest fire danger on the West Coast.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	53	39	r	50	38	r	51	36	sh	51	35	sh	50	35	sh
Butler, PA	50	40	r	50	41	r	54	35	sh	50	36	sh	52	36	sh
Cambridge, OH	57	43	r	51	39	r	54	35	sh	51	35	sh	53	36	sh
Canton, OH	54	40	r	50	38	r	53	36	sh	51	35	sh	51	36	sh
Cincinnati, OH	58	41	sh	56	38	sh	56	38	sh	52	37	sh	55	40	pc
Clarion, PA	48	37	r	45	40	r	53	36	sh	49	34	sh	50	37	sh
Clarksburg, WV	55	43	r	52	41	r	55	36	sh	54	36	sh	52	36	sh
Cleveland, OH	53	40	sh	50	41	r	53	39	sh	50	38	sh	51	39	sh
Columbus, OH	53	45	r	52	41	sh	56	39	sh	51	37	sh	54	39	sh
Cumberland, MD	48	40	r	46	43	r	57	38	sh	54	37	sh	53	37	sh
Erie, PA	54	41	r	49	44	r	53	43	sh	52	40	sh	50	41	sh
Franklin, PA	50	37	r	45	39	r	51	36	sh	50	36	sh	49	37	sh
Greensburg, PA	50	42	r	50	43	r	56	38	sh	52	37	sh	52	39	sh
Greenville, PA	51	39	r	50	40	r	54	37	sh	50	36	sh	50	38	sh
Grove City, PA	49	38	r	50	40	r	53	35	sh	50	36	sh	51	37	sh
Hagerstown, MD	50	39	r	52	46	r	61	40	r	56	40	sh	55	39	c
Indiana, PA	52	43	r	51	45	r	55	37	sh	52	37	sh	54	38	sh
Jamestown, NY	50	36	r	45	40	r	50	37	r	49	37	sh	48	37	sh
Kittanning, PA	51	42	r	50	43	r	55	37	sh	52	37	sh	54	38	sh
Lisbon, OH	53	40	r	50	40	r	52	37	sh	50	36	sh	51	37	sh
Mansfield, OH	56	38	sh	50	38	sh	52	38	sh	50	35	sh	50	35	sh
Marietta, OH	54	44	r	52	41	r	54	36	sh	52	36	sh	54	38	sh
McKeesport, PA	50	42	r	50	42	r	55	38	sh	52	37	sh	52	40	sh
Meadville, PA	51	39	r	50	41	r	54	37	sh	50	37	sh	49	37	sh
Morgantown, WV	53	44	r	51	42	r	54	38	sh	54	38	sh	54	36	sh
New Castle, PA	51	40	r	50	41	r	54	36	sh	52	37	sh	52	36	sh
Oil City, PA	50	38	r	45	40	r	53	37	sh	50	35	sh	51	38	sh
Pittsburgh, PA	55	46	r	55	42	r	52	38	sh	50	36	sh	50	36	sh
Sharon, PA	51	39	r	51	40	r	53	37	sh	51	36	sh	50	37	sh
Somerset, PA	44	37	r	41	40	r	53	36	sh	47	34	sh	46	34	sh
Steubenville, OH	52	41	r	50	41	r	52	38	sh	52	37	sh	51	36	sh
Uniontown, PA	52	43	r	51	41	r	54	36	sh	52	36	sh	53	35	sh
Warren, OH	52	40	r	50	40	r	53	37	sh	51	37	sh	51	38	sh
Washington, PA	51	42	r	50	41	r	53	36	sh	50	34	sh	51	33	sh
Waynesburg, PA	52	43	r	50	40	r	53	38	sh	51	36	sh	52	33	sh
Wheeling, WV	52	41	r	50	41	r	51	38	sh	52	36	sh	51	37	sh
Youngstown, OH	51	39	r	51	40	r	53	37	sh	50	36	sh	50	38	sh
Wooster, OH	52	40	sh	51	36	r	51	34	sh	50	33	sh	50	35	sh
Zanesville, OH	57	43	r	52	38	r	55	35	sh	51	36	sh	54	36	sh

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Sports

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Titans, Buggey run all over Bethany

By Steve Brink
Staff Writer

Westminster rode the legs of Sean Buggey to their first conference victory of the 2005 season. The Titans piled up 244 yards on the ground en route to their 34-13 road win over the Betany Bison. Westminster is now a perfect 3-0 on the road this year, but also 0-3 at home.

Despite the offensive outburst from the Titans, it was actually Bethany who got on the scoreboard first. The Bison opened up the game with a stop on defense, and then scored on their opening possession for the second consecutive week. The drive featured a big 3rd and thirteen conversion as Bison quarterback Brian Wineberg hit T.J. Parker for a twenty-eight yard gain. Five plays later, running back Brett Clough scampered twenty-seven yards for a Bethany touchdown.

And that was really the last time we heard from the Bethany offense. Despite a score late in the 4th, Westminster kept the Bison in check. Wideout Milton Joyner, who had a huge day against the Titans last year, was held to only one catch for 14 yards. Bethany gained 119 yards on the ground, but on thirty-eight carries. Quarterbacks Brent Owens and Wineberg, split time as both threw for one interception apiece.

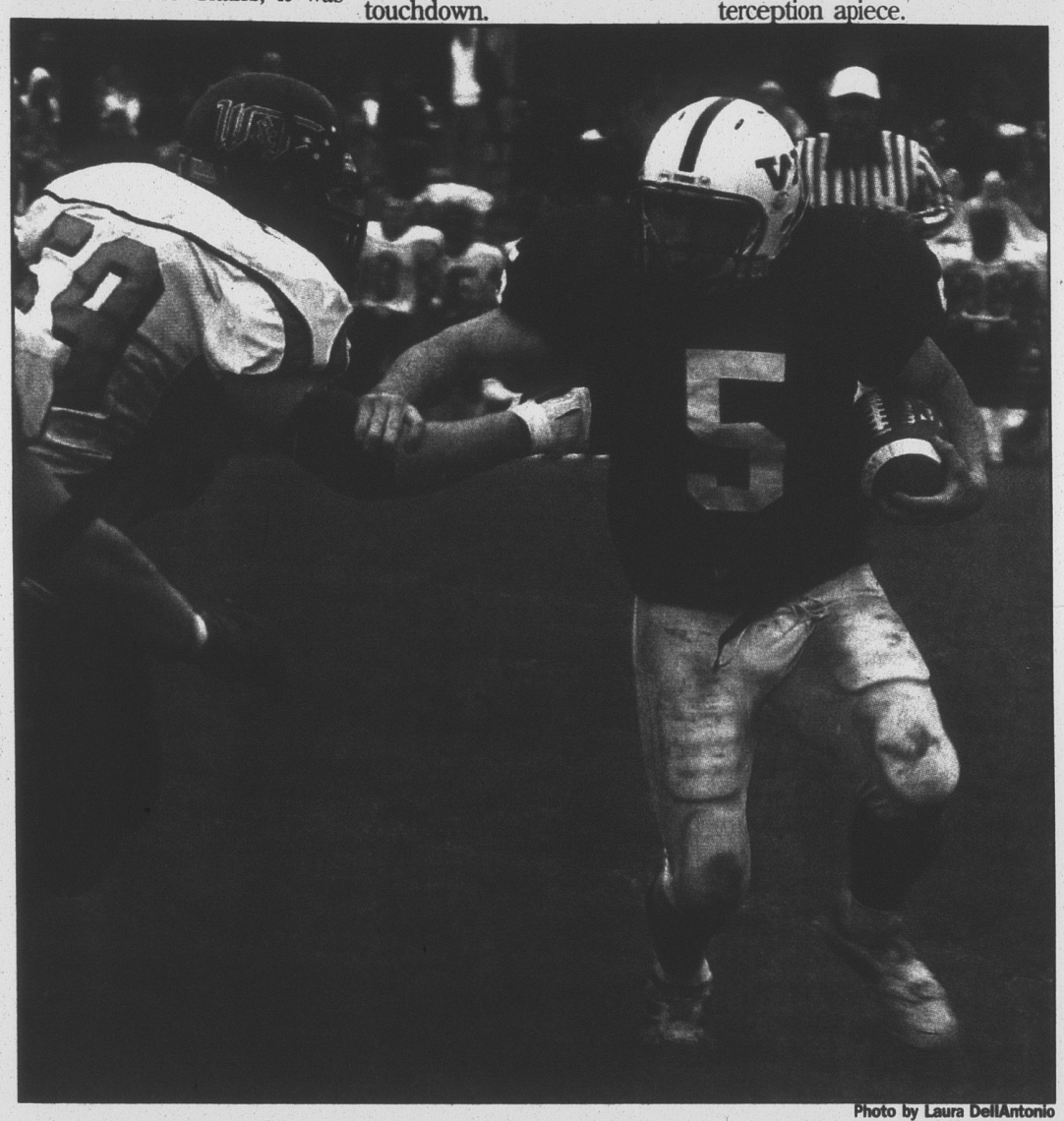


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

These Presidents have a hard time catching our Buggey.

After the Bethany touchdown, the Titans wasted little time getting on board as they needed only six plays to tie the score at 7. J.R. Barley threw his first touchdown pass of the season, as he found Brett Ziegler for a 17-yard score just two and a half minutes after the Bison found the end zone.

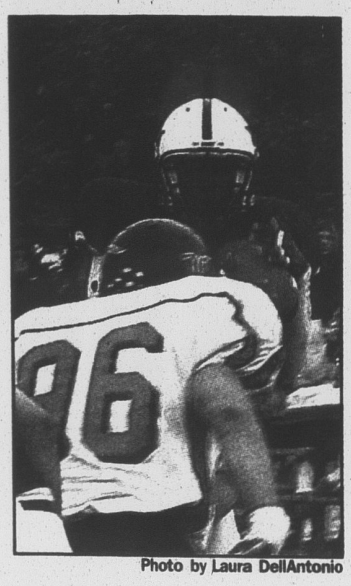
The Titans took the lead for good on their ensuing possession. Sean Buggey rushed for fifty-six yards on the drive, including a thirty-four yard rush on third down. But none were bigger than his 2-yard touchdown run that put the Titans up 14-7.

On the next Titan possession, senior Kicker Chris Castillo got himself into the Westminster history books. With about six and a half to go in the 2nd quarter, Castillo nailed a school-record 47-yard field goal to put the Titans up 17-7. Castillo also made a 40-yarder with three and half minutes to play in the 1st half, to give the Titans a 20-7 halftime lead.

The Titans put up another score about halfway through the 3rd quarter. And once again, trickery was involved. Sean Buggey threw for his 2nd touchdown pass of the season, as he found Quarterback J.R. Barley for a 21-yard score.

Barley had a good game Saturday as well. He was very efficient as he completed eleven of his fifteen passing attempts for 126 yards. He threw for one touchdown, caught a touchdown, and threw one interception, which came right at the end of the first half.

He managed the game very nicely and he also got a bunch of receivers involved. Six Titans had at least one reception on Saturday.



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Defensively, the Titans were led by sophomore linebacker Jason Fridley. Fridley had nine tackles and a half sack.

Senior defensive back Reggie Williams had his first two interceptions of the year. And freshman defensive end Andrew Robison had four tackles; three and a half went for a loss, while also recording two sacks.

Buggey added one more touchdown run of 54 yards to seal the win for Westminster. His final touchdown put the Titans up 34-7.

It would be the last time Westminster would see the end zone Saturday. But it really didn't matter the way the defense was playing. T.J. Parker added a late touchdown reception for the Bison, which made the final score 34-13.

Westminster is back in action this weekend, as they play host to nationally ranked and PAC rival Thiel College. Kickoff on Saturday is scheduled for 1:30 pm.

Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

Making Tailgating Memories

The Westminster Cable Network will broadcast Saturday's Titan game to 75,000 homes throughout Lawrence and Mercer counties. The broadcast will include commentary not only by myself, but also by legendary Titan head coach Dr. Joseph Fusco. Don't bother watching us.

The Titans host PAC rival Thiel College on Saturday, and kickoff is slated for 1:30.

The Tomcats are 6-0 on the year, and an even more impressive 4-0 in conference. If ever there was a time for student support, Saturday would be it.

Now, at this point you may ask, "Why?" Well, my answer is simple: "Why not?"

I doubt that many of us would turn down a chance to tailgate and cheer on our favorite professional or even Division-I football teams.

While I understand that the football at those games might be more impressive, I'm going to go out on a limb and say that *YOUR OWN COLLEGE* might be a little more accessible. The field is a few hundred feet away; so close, in fact, that the need for a designated driver is obsolete.

Pittsburgh and West Virginia annually square off in the "Backyard Brawl," even though the two schools are separated by over 100 miles. If you want to see a real "Backyard Brawl," step on down to Burry Stadium on Saturday.

The Titans and Tomcats are separated by approximately 25 miles, which is a little bit more "backyard" – at least in my book.

This is what college is all about. I've been at the college for three years and two months. I've missed a lot of class, lectures and plenty of assignments. However, I can count on one finger how many home Titan Football games I've missed in those 38 months.

When you're 40 years old and telling your children about college, you won't remember the hangover you slept off this particular Saturday afternoon, but rather, the fun you had tailgating at the football game...or even the hangover you created.

As previously stated, the Tomcats are (6-0, 4-0). The Titans (3-3, 1-2) are coming off of an impressive 34-13 win over Bethany College.

The Titans fell 28-0 to the Tomcats last season, in Greenville.

Make no mistake about it: Thiel is a tough team. The Titans could use your support. More so, I urge you to utilize what we do have. Westminster Football and tailgating is here...we just need fans to support it.

Jason Mackey is a senior broadcast communications major. He can be seen weekly on Coach's Corner (7 p.m. on the WCN) and also meets the mandatory "Abercrombie Requirement" for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

The quest for the pennant

By Tom Heath
Staff Writer

The playoffs this year have been very far from disappointing. With the exception of the Padres being swept under the table by the Cardinals, it has been extremely exciting as well as surprising post season. In the thick of the action on the diamond however, there was also action being taken in courts. Through allegations of drug use as well as testifying players before congress, there has finally been a development. Victor Conte was sentenced to 4 years in jail and 4 years of house arrest for supplying 'supplements' to dozens of professional athletes, some of them including Mark McGwire, Barry Bonds and Jason Giambi to name a few. Conte was president of Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. The excitement off the field thankfully has not taken away from the playoffs themselves.

In way of the American league, there have been more than a few disappointments in the American League East. The favorite Yankees and Red Sox were both eliminated in the divisional series; the Red Sox fell to the White Sox and the Yankees fell to the Angels The American league without a doubt has a new kid on the block, the White Sox. Looking back at history, things are falling into place. The White Sox last won a world series in 1917, yes the year before the Red Sox. Coincidence? Maybe. Thus far, they have pulled off nothing less than what was thought to be impossible. Near the end of the regular season, the White Sox were fighting to keep their post season hopes alive.

The National League however has also been in no way a disappointment. The Cardinals were in hot pursuit of avenging last years' World Series. However they fell short after battling back against the Houston Astros. As we have reached the end of October, the World Series is finally here.

What is my prediction? There are a few things to consider. Both the White Sox as well as the Astors have very solid pitching rotations. The Astros are led by Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens and the Sox by Freddy Garcia and Jose Contreras. However, I feel the in way of the bats, the Astros have the advantage. With the way that both teams are playing, I am picking the Houston Astros in six games. The fairy tale for the White Sox is about to come to a crashing end.

Titan Sports Shorts

Westminster Women's Soccer Rolls to Third Consecutive Win, 6-0, Over PAC Foe Thiel

October 17, 2005 - Sophomore forward Mallory Bugel (Valencia/Mars Area H.S.) posted a hat trick with three goals and added an assist to lead the Westminster College women's soccer team to a 6-0 shutout win over Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) rival Thiel College today in New Wilmington. The Lady Titans improved to 13-3 overall and 8-1 in the PAC, as Westminster maintained a two-game lead in the conference standings over Thomas More with three games to play. It was Westminster's third consecutive victory and 11th win in the past 12 contests.

Westminster scored all six of its goals in the first 34 minutes before clearing th bench. Bugel, who now has a team- and PAC-high 17 goals on the season, scored three times in the first 16 minutes, while also assisting on a goal by freshman midfielder Christina Adams (Hubbard, OH/Hubbard H.S.) in the 10th minute. Other goal scorers for Westminster included junior forward Christa Andamasaris (Warren, OH/Champion H.S.) and freshman forward Lindsay Nuzzo (Bradford/Bradford Area H.S.).

Westminster freshman Whitney Griffin (Los Alamos, NM/Los Alamos H.S.) and junior Kari Cole (Oakdale/West Allegheny H.S.), split the shutout in goal, playing 45 minutes each. The Lady Titans held an 18-0 shot advantage and a 4-0 margin in corner kicks over the Tomcats.

The Lady Titan kickers return to action on Friday (Oct. 21) at PAC foe Waynesburg at 4 p.m.

Men's Soccer With 2-1 Overtime Win Over PAC Rival Thiel

The Titan kickers were in action on Monday. Junior forward Mark Sadler scored the game-winning goal two minutesinto overtime this afternoon in New Wilmington, leading the Westminster Titan men's soccer team to a 2-1 overtime victory over visiting Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) rival Thiel College. The Titans, who snapped a five-game losing streak, improved to 7-8 overall and 3-6 in conference play, while the Tomcats fell to 2-10-1 overall, 1-7-1 in the PAC.

Westminster took a 1-0 lead into halftime, as freshman midfielder Max Irwin scored off an assist by junior forward Chris Dymond. The Titans maintained the lead until four minutes to play in regulation, when Thiel tied the game 1-1 on a penalty kick goal by Nikola Vasilev. The game lasted until just two minutes into the extra session, when Sadler scored the game-winner off a feed by freshman defender Chris Ellwanger.

Junior Anthony Beilstein went the distance in goal for the Titans, posting two saves in the win. Westminster outshot Thiel 23-5 and held a 6-0 corner kick advantage over the Tomcats.

Titan Volleyball with Three-Game Sweep of League Foe Bethany

The Westminster College volleyball team saw its record improve to 16-13 overall and 4-3 in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) tonight at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium, as the Lady Titan spikers swept conference rival Bethany College 30-19, 30-21, 30-14.

Senior outside hitter Erin Hinks and sophomore middle hitter Danielle Hogue led a balanced Lady Titan offensive attack with nine kills apiece, followed by junior middle hitter Katie McDermott with eight kills. Junior Rachael Cooper set up 31 assists in the win .Sophomore Jenna Hinks served up a team-best five aces while freshman libero Kylene Hoch added four aces and a team-best 17 digs. Sophomore middle hitter Jessica Cooper recorded a team-high four blocks (two solo, two assisted).

For Bethany, Linzy Turner and Lauren Spegal tallied nine kills each in the loss.

Westminster returns to the hardwood on Friday (Oct. 21) with a road contest at PAC rival Thiel in Greenville beginning at 7 p.m.

A&E Arts & Entertainment

In Her Shoes

Standing tall on highheeled platform

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

For those of you that might write off *In Her Shoes* as just another chick flick, I urge you to reconsider your judgment. I admit, I thought it would be little more than an entertaining afternoon at the movies with my movie buddy Alicia Heinle, but I was happily surprised at the film's charm, honesty, and wit.

Cameron Diaz and Toni Collette play two sisters, Maggie (Diaz) and Rose (Collette), who are the polar opposites of each other. Rose is the successful, yet hopelessly frumpy lawyer, while Maggie is the glamorous playgirl whose idea of a job is suffering through a bikini wax.

More often than not, Rose finds herself being Maggie's caretaker when she needs money, a place to stay, or someone to pick her drunken, high-heeled self up. Ironically, it is Rose who has the extensive collection of expensive and sexy shoes and Maggie who borrows them relentlessly. You might ask why it is unfashionable Rose with all the fashionable shoes, but this characteristic is one of the movie's delightful quirks.

Maggie and Rose's bond is strengthened by a tragic past and a shared hatred of their neurotic stepmother (think suburbia mom with a desperate housewife side). Unfortunately, Maggie's promiscuous activities lead to a severing fight between the sisters. The film then flashes between Maggie's life and Rose's life over the next few months.

While the sisters grow apart from each other, they ultimately grow within themselves. Always the mooch, Maggie discovers she has a grandmother (Shirley MacLaine) living in a "senior citizen enrichment center" in Florida. Contrary to her belief of fun in the sun at her grandmother's expense, MacLaine teaches the selfish Maggie how to care for herself-and more importantly-other people. In addition, Maggie and her grandmother do actually form a bond founded on the true tragic past of their family.

Meanwhile, Rose finds herself in an functional relationship for a change. To her amazement, she realizes that she can care for someone, and someone can love her exactly as she is. Eventually she proudly announces her engagement but realizes that something more important is missing from her life: her sister.

MacLaine schemes to bring Rose down to Florida so the sisters can finally make amends. Awkward and angry at first, they forgive each other and grow closer, as it is the past that reunites them, not the future. Both have grown personally where they needed to, but they have now bridged the gap that can only be complete when they are together.

As I mentioned earlier, the reason I enjoyed this film so much is because it is much more than a "chick flick." It is a story about relationships, the unbreakable bond between sisters, and the flawed nature of simply being a human. I encourage you to let go of any pre-judged notions and take a walk to see *In Her Shoes*.

Rating: B

Contributed Photo

Two sisters find similarities stepping into each others shoes.

Sherri is a junior English major with a film studies minor. Sherri is known to be gruff until she's had her daily caffeine fix. Of course, after the gruffness clears, she'll never stop yammering in your ear.

Tea party

Kathryn Larson
Co-editor-in-chief

Contributed photo

Amy Sasfai & Kathryn Larson sip down an illustrious, divine spot of time in Downtown Sharon.

Tea parties typically equate with old matte 5x7 memories filled with piles of frilly Lilly dresses, lace napkins, sugar cubes, porcelain dishes and cucumber sandwiches, but, alas, the northern tundra with its bevy of coleslaw, Iron City, Primanti Brothers and grunting beer guzzling black and yellow wearing troglodytes lilting in a thousand "yens" and "pop" doesn't seem quite the fitting place for such a high-tea time.

But gentle readers, although the Lube greases the stomach lining with a litany of heavily oiled wings in downtown Sharon, the Flamingo Rose Tea Room whistles with the ring of an expensive Limoge porcelain tea pot, surprisingly, right in this same vacinity.

And a few weeks ago, I made reservations for such an exquisite treat.

Trotting up the stairs to this pink Victorian home with the fair lass, Amy Sasfai, we admired the fancy window panes and trim on porch. It was like walking into a pastel iced gingerbread home with the warm flickering scent of vanilla candles swirling our thoughts while waltzing through the main hallway.

On each corner sat rooms awakened with soft tables decked in gentle colors and polished silver, Vera Bradley bags lingered idly on window sills and old fashioned hats positioned themselves loosely on brass hooks.

Amy and I quickly turned our attention to these decadent hats–trying each one on– relentlessly trying to find which style made us look more frumpy, foolish or foppy.

After trying on a black feathered hat and then a navy sequined one, I settled on a Maroon half cocked satin swept bonnet.

Amy, flustered that her hair was puffing, decided to wrap herself in a fur lined cape.

Sitting down at our distiguished table, we were welcomed by a hot tea pot and a slew of fancy teas at our beckon call.

Feeling giddy and a bit refined, I pinched two sugar cubes for my peach earl grey tea and smiled up at my dear contemporary.

Waxing on life, young lads and all the choicest Westminsterian gossip progressed until a tower of treats turned our eyes.

These were those delicate morsels high-tea afforded, and, here, we sampled only the finest cuts of cucumber, chicken salad and tuna sandwiches wrapped in pink, purple and yellow breads.

From here, Amy and I nibbled upwards to the cranberry and blueberry scones barely taking time to eat one before shoveling the next.

Feeling like lacy little girls at our tea party, we eyed the prizes on the third and final silver plated level.

A bevy of cookies, pecan sandies and intricately woven white-chocolate covered red sweetness tickled our taste buds.

Our bellies swelling and our giggles played out, we sat a few more turns before putting our hats back on the hooks.

Yes, sensitive reader, we returned to a place where Kelly Clarkson sings robustly and the TUB fills are tummies with gaseous overture.

No more of the pink late 1800's establishment, for this spot of time; however, we'd be back to tea and crumpet heaven, one day soon.

Flamingo Rose Tea
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Sharon, PA
(724) 346-2009
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Tea Room is available by reservation only.

Bruster's LEAH'S SCREAMING FOR MORE

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

Now that the outside temperature is starting to drop, I think that we all need to get our ice cream fix before the snow hits. So this week, I traveled to Bruster's Ice Cream on Route 18 in New Castle (next to Dunkin Donuts).

I have to confess something first. I hate chocolate. I know–I'm really weird. But I cannot stand anything with chocolate in, around, or covered in it. Therefore, if I was to report back to the campus what I thought of the chocolate marshmallow ice cream or a hot fudge sundae, I would say it made me gag. Yet in reality, most of you would probably thoroughly enjoy those flavors. So as a solution to this problem, I brought along my good friend and professional chocolate connoisseur, Mike Wolenski.

I was very excited to see how festive Bruster's is with their flavors. For the fall season, they are offering Caramel Apple Crunch (which was unbelievable), Pumpkin, Pumpkin Cheesecake, Pumpkin yogurt, and Deep Dish Apple Pie, all of which I tried and thought were "delish." Also, in the no sugar added/fat free section, there was cinnamon, caramel, and coffee ice cream. Normally, when one eats fat free or sugarless ice cream after trying the "real" flavors it tastes really bad in comparison. But I tried these at the end, and I'm telling you, I tasted no difference what-so-ever!

Some other flavors that we tried were cake batter and birthday cake, which was almost too sweet for me, but hey if you're a sugar fanatic then go for it! Mike tried Chocolate Oreo and Banana, and we both had Cinnamon Bun.

"My favorite was the banana," Mike said. "The chocolate oreo just tasted like regular chocolate. It didn't do it for me."

So it turned out that my review of the chocolate flavor wouldn't have been much different, but his view is certainly more reliable than mine!

The sundae toppings include hot fudge, marshmallow, peanut butter, chocolate, pineapple, strawberry, butterscotch, caramel, and maple walnut.

Bruster's is open all year round for all of us ice cream fanatics. You can also order ice cream cakes anyway you like with all different designs for any occasion. So let's celebrate this cold weather with a little brain freeze!

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

Have a particular restaurant at which you find yourself often?

Want to suggest it for a review by The Holcad?

Drop us a line at holcad@westminster.edu and we'll add it to our list!

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Serah Stauffer
Editor, *Scrawl*

Sneaking a peek into...

Scrawl

Arts & Literary Magazine

About Scrawl...

Each year, Scrawl partners with the Holcad to give the campus community a preview of The Scrawl magazine, the annual arts and literary publication of Westminster. Scrawl includes writing and artwork from students, faculty and staff and welcomes submissions from all genres (including poetry, paintings, prose, scripts of short plays, photographs, song lyrics, ceramics, ANYTHING)! Writing submissions can be e-mailed to Serah at any time throughout the year, but save your art submissions for the Art Show which will take place in McKelvey early in the Spring semester.

Questions? Call Serah Stauffer, Jaimee Davis or Leanna Stitt

E-mail all submissions to Serah (stauffsh@wesminster.edu)

Drawing by Matt Carlin

Over

Tracy Harmon

The curtain closes,
The cheers fade.
Exclamations of
Congratulations
are returned with a thousand doses of humble replies.

The pancake that stains the face is
washed away
Down the drain to lie with
Lemon rinds and salty tears.
The costumes are shelved,
The set struck soon after.

As a lone figure,
the actress walks across the stage
alone on the apron.
A solo spotlight illuminates
the sorrow in her eyes
as phantom audiences are in admiring ovation.

The last bow is made
sore feet from overuse obey
the legs bend in submission
but no one applauds
there is only silence in the house,
only silence.

The denial ends, the show has closed.
It hits like a ton of bricks
and the actress wonders
will this be the last role,
will she be remembered,
as the spotlight dims on the silhouette

she feels
empty.

DUST

Angela Donnell

Mercury dust falls on those
lips, the kind that will give
you cancer.

I predicted loneliness would
engluf your soul. I realize
your illusions ellude me.

Once I longed for your
kiss, now I feel it's venom
burning into my existence.

In time, I may forget you
but I will always remember
to never kiss snakes.

Untitled

Jessica Davis

Claim you know me
Perhaps we have met before,
Allow a moment to grasp
Your definition of familiar,
Once an angel of heaven
Now regarded as otherwise,
Do you recognize then or now?
Do you find it intolerable?
Questioning my present state,
Not able to be the same person.

Untitled

Heidi Clark

The stars are still gleaming
I'm still leaning
Leaning towards you...
I can't let you go,
Can't get away,
What's all this mean...
That's what I'm starting to say...
I'm still wishing,
I'm still dreaming,
and for the rest of my life
the stars are still gleaming...

Soul's Balcony

Leanna Stitt

staring down;
not gazing up.
i s
l
o
u
c
h
into a rigid pew,
into assumed reverence;
a dubious partaking.

hard wood-
my support instead.
was Christ a carpenter?
the varnish
s e e p s
through my veins.

Drawing by Blake Ordell

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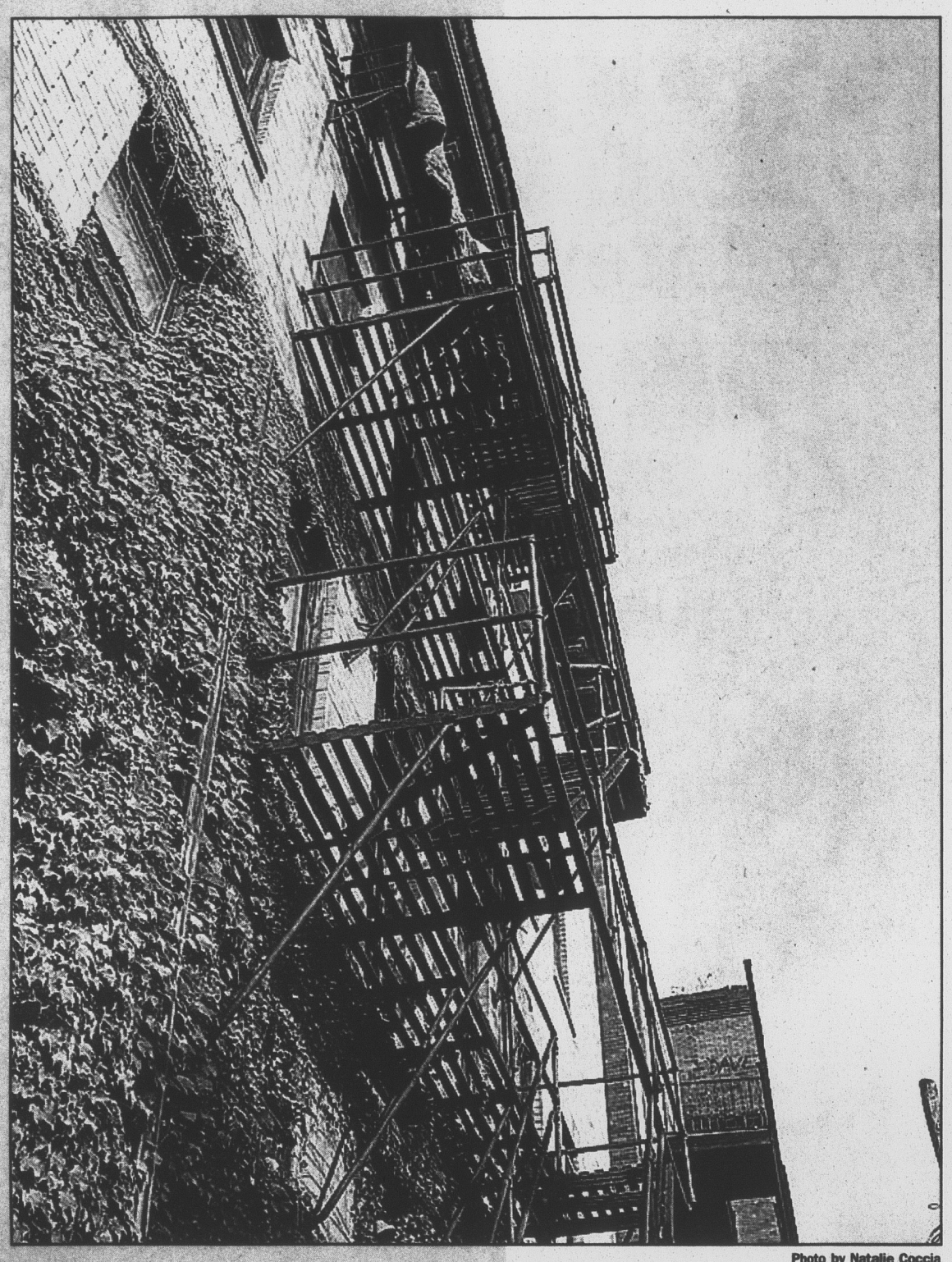

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SEASONAL HAIKU

James E. Hall
Faculty

Summer

White summer blossom
Explodes in arctic flurry:
Tiny butterflies.

Summer white from green,
As arctic cloak slips from firs:
Bursting cottonwoods.

Autumn

Sumacs surround pine:
Dancer in green leotard
With a crimson skirt.

Baleful waning sun:
Pale ray washes naked branch.
Bittersweet promise.

Winter

Cold winter morning –
Bare stalks thrust through the grey snow;
Birds sing joyously.

Corn stalks through the snow,
Remembered warmth of autumn;
Youth recalled in age.

Warmth seeps through shingles,
Snow melts to reveal rafters:
Winter fluoroscope.

Almost

Kristin Kronstain

Uncertainty dribbles through my hair
behind my ear,
over my collarbone.

Not really seeking or failing-
Ambition refuses to link our memories
or bring his eyes to my face.

Touch your fingertips to mine and
show me how
the haze moves across the pond.

French Coffee

Julie Tvaruzek

I tried coffee tonight
in fact
"Rich and Smooth"
the label said
and it made it sound
French
and attractive
like a foggy morning
in Paris
with sandals and
a tote bag.
But after 12 packs of
sugar
and quite a lot of
cream
I felt neither French
nor rich
nor smooth
and I decided to
stick to
English Tea

Crayola

Lindsay McCarty

living in the gaps from
moment to stagnant moment
using the silence this stillness provides to
better see your face.

i look up to see shades of green
and rotten apples, each curve
encompassed in a new wave of
life.
i am suddenly aware of all the life around me,
the shades of green so vibrant;
i never knew the crayon box
to extend this far.

You reach down, rays of
endless sunshine threading needles
through
leaves and branches.
your warm caress gently touches my face.
i know
i am home.

In the Window

Jaimee Davis

I looked over

And saw you reaching

Harvard says you have feelings

But I wonder

Don't you all grab for the sun?

Or is it the lightning

Wayward dreamer

Rain sprinkles the ground

(drip drop pat pat)

And still you bend

Sway

Is it the water you desire instead?

(Erotic) connection

(Sun [You) Water]

To create more and still

I see you bend

And I wonder

Can I give you a rod to help?

Or would that imprison?

(Perhaps it's instead the [criss cross cross criss] that does that.)

Do not feel imprisoned here

Water given

Need fed

Other than by sunlight and reaching?

Following our chance reunion after months apart

There you sit

Slightly tipped

The fan nearly blows you away
Cosmic intervention

we can never go back

Debbie Sanchez
Administration

go left
go right
go straight ahead
but don't stand still
and we can never go back

what might have been
what almost was
what was, but never should have been
what can't be redone
what can't be undone
and we can never go back

every step
every act
every word
determine who
and where
we are
today

Calendar

October 21, 2005

SGA's Phantom Fright Night at Kennywood (PRIOR RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

8:00 AM Women's Tennis PAC Tournament in Erie, PA

3:00 PM Women's Soccer vs. Waynesburg (H)

7:00 PM Volleyball at Thiel

7:30 PM Jazz Band Concert – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* – MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: *Bad News Bears* – MCC Mueller Theater

October 22, 2005

Women's Golf at Washington and Jefferson Invitational

8:00 AM Women's Tennis PAC Tournament in Erie, PA

10:00 AM Men's and Women's Swimming at Clarion Fall Classic

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1:30 PM Football vs. Thiel (H) – Burry Stadium

6:00 PM Women's Soccer at Carnegie Mellon

6:30 PM Volleyball vs. Thomas More (H)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: *Bad News Bears* – MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM Men's Soccer at Carnegie Mellon

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Night Owl Bowling (two vans) – MCC Entrance, Shaw Hall Side

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* – MCC Mueller Theater

October 23, 2005

9:30 AM Phi Kappa Tau's Run for the Victims (5K/2 mile walk) – Trac/Football Field

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* – MCC Mueller Theater

8:45 PM Rosary Group – Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: *Bad News Bears* – MCC Mueller Theater

October 24, 2005

PE-2 Courses Begin

Geek Week

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

4:45 PM - 5:55 PM Psychology Colloquium: Dr. John Slocum, Jr., "Goal Orientation as a Personality Construct and its Application to Business" – Phillips Lecture Hall

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

October 25, 2005

Geek Week

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Blood Drive – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Flu Vaccine Available for Westminster Community ($30) – Student Health Center

12:30 PM Informational Meeting with Reps from NY Chiropractic College – Phillips Lecture Hall

4:00 PM Women's Soccer at Thomas More

6:00 PM Men's Soccer at Thomas More

7:00 PM Volleyball vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)

8:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal - Wallace Memorial Chapel

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

October 26, 2005

Geek Week

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Helen Boylan, "Catalyzing Research Through Collaboration: Exploring Enzymes at Carnegie Mellon University" - MCC Mueller Theater

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship – MCC Club/Lounge

October 27, 2005

Geek Week

12:45 PM All-Campus Meeting – Beeghly Theater

3:30 PM - 4:45 PM Fireside Chat with President Williamson – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

5:30 PM P.R.S.S.A. Meeting – TC 314

7:00 PM Feminists for Life Speaker – MCC Mueller Theater

7:30 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal - Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Stargazing on the Roof of Hoyt – Meet in Hoyt Lobby

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

Crossword

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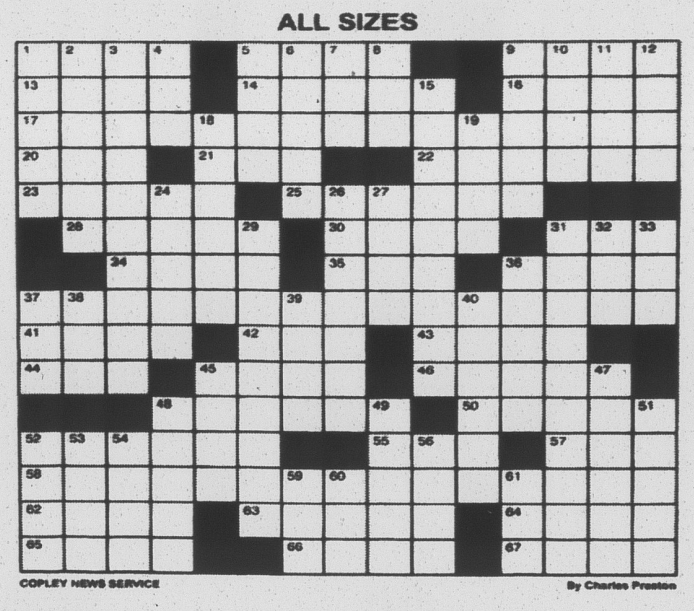

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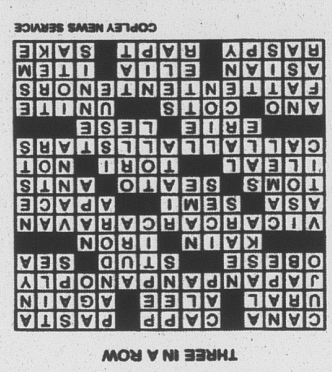

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THREE IN A ROW

Horoscopes

ARIES: Look forward to a liberating intellectual experience this week. Although you may see things differently from others, be willing to share your new perspective.

TAURUS: Turn your attention to a business or investment venture. Figure out the quickest and the most efficient way to make your effort pay off.

GEMINI: Cooperation in partnerships is your ultimate goal. Give in to the process of compromise and ensure that both sides of an issue are represented and understood.

CANCER: View tension and stress in your life as a wonderful opportunity to grow through adversity. Keep in mind, without pain there is no gain.

LEO: Take the first step and put yourself in the driver's seat in a romantic or social relationship. Shift into high gear to initiate plans for an extravagant or fanciful encounter.

VIRGO: Home can provide a happy haven for you and your loved ones this week. Surround yourself with many of your favorite things and cherished people.

LIBRA: You are exposed to many different, creative or unusual concepts and ideas during this time. Keep an open mind and look forward to being mentally stimulated.

SCORPIO: Practice caution and take your time when shopping for seasonal decorations or gifts. Keep n mind your budget and look for high-quality items at bargain prices.

SAGITTARIUS: You have reached a major turning point or starting point. Review the recent past and gain insights or clues about which way you should go.

CAPRICORN: Important information is hidden from view. What appears to be real, under scrutiny, might not hold up. Look within for guidance, truth and understanding.

AQUARIUS: It is through a special connection with others that dreams are conceived and born. Make a concerted effort to spend quality time with friends or associates.

PISCES: Unexpected compliments or criticisms from a boss or superior could catch you off guard. Stay centered and rise above adversity or moments of self-doubt.

If your birthday is this week, get ready for an exciting and wonderfully unpredictable period in your life.

GRE word of the weekend

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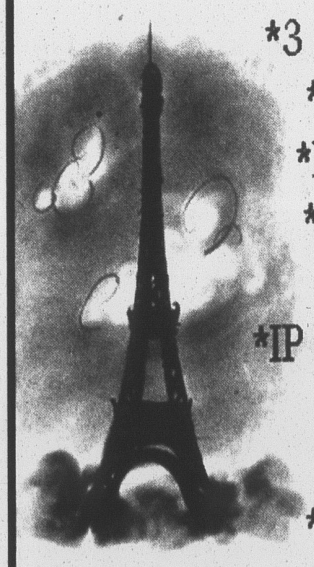


*3 Star Hotels *Mediterranean Beaches
*1 Week in Paris, 1 Week in Marseilles
*French culture discussions w/ experts
*Eiffel Tower *Louvre *Latin Quarter

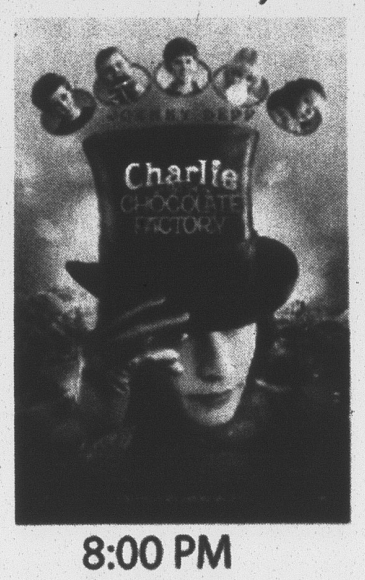
*IP in Social Thought(sign up for Soc 205) or Humanities (sign up for IC 104)

*Bob Latta can help with Financial Aid
Cost is $3100

*For Info: Dr. Bové (x. 7303) or Dr. Kitzerow (x. 7252)

McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"



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OPEN

Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater

Friday
Saturday
Sunday

"Bad New Bears"

10:30 PM
8:00 PM
9:00 PM

FRIDAY!
"Jazz Concert"
7:30 p.m.
Berlin Lounge

SATURDAY!
Night Owl Bowling
$2 per WC student
10:30
Meet in front of McKelvey

Late Night
Mon-Tue-Thurs
10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
The Club Room

MONDAY Night Football! 9:00pm Club Room

COMING SOON...

Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

Oct. 28	Rotaract Presents!	Nov. 11	Titan's Tavern
Oct.28	Titan's Tavern	Nov. 19	Night Owl Bowling
Nov.5	College Bowl	Dec. 2	Titan's Tavern
Nov. 5	Night Owl Bowling	Dec. 9	Comic- Dan Ahdoot
		Dec. 10	Night Owl Bowling

FEATURES

Wedding Bells

An inside look on Westminster students tying the knot

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

It could be one of the most hated questions I hear. "So [long pause for dramatization] when are you and Sam getting married?" Clenching my teeth, I give the usual puzzled smiling face and reply, "Oh, I don't know, but not anytime soon!"

Despite the fact that I have been dating my boyfriend for more two years, I have no real intentions on settling down on the family farm and popping out kids anytime soon. So why is it, that at the ripe, young age of 21 going on 22, this is one of the most frequented questions I receive?

The answer can be a number of things: just polite conversation, people being nebby, or the fact that more and more young people are walking down the aisle. My own cousin who got married about four years ago was just 21 at the time. I clearly recall my sister and I (we were two of her bridesmaids) feeling quite awkward riding around in the limousine while all of the older wedding party members downed bottle after bottle of champagne. I was 18 and she had just turned 16. Tempting as it was, my parents would have killed us both.

According to Bride's Magazine, the average age of a woman getting married in the good ole U.S.A. is 27, with men just ahead at 29. I'm sure, however, that the Westminster marrying age has to be much lower than that. Last year, two of my beloved friends and WC graduates tied the knot and they were both 22. Currently, I know four couples engaged under the age of 24. Why is it that men and women want to get married so young?

Justin Egley, a senior broadcast communications major, got engaged last November. His wedding is planned for June 24, 2006. He will be 22 years old. "I was not expecting this at all," he said. "After dating Ellen for four months I knew I wanted to marry her. I worry that we'll be living in a van after graduation, but I know we'll get by."

Justin explains that some of his family did disapprove of saying "I do" at such an early age.

"I've received both reactions. Family members said it was too young, while my close friends said they wish they knew what they were doing after graduation," he said.

Despite the fact that sixty percent of married couples between the ages of 20 and 25 end up divorced (National Center for Health Statistics), many young brides and grooms from Westminster are tying the knot. Even this week's Titan Eye Candy, Ms. Amy Schroder was recently engaged. Check out Dr. Phil's tips to the right to see if you're rushing onto the wedding bells bandwagon.

Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major, writing minor. She refuses to join the Facebook cult despite pressure to do so. Ironically, her favorite movie is "Father of the Bride."

Dr. Phil's Tips on Wedding Bliss

Ask yourself these questions before saying "I do."

*Are you planning a marriage, or just a wedding?

*Do you know your partner's history and trust them completely?

*Why are you getting married?

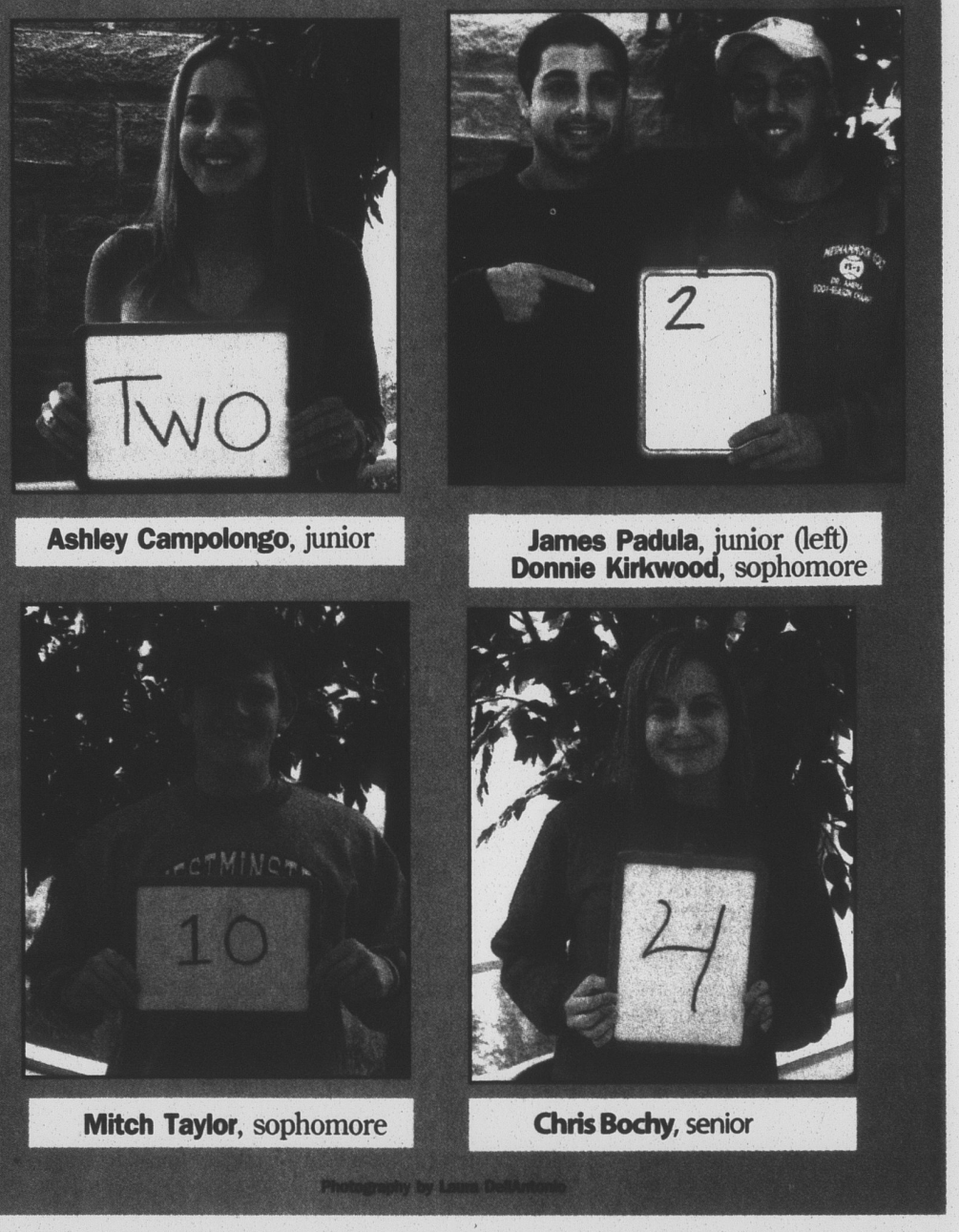
*Are you giving up friends and family in order to get married?

*Have you communicated your wants and needs from the relationship?

Source: www.drphil.com

Question of the Week:

How many people do you know that are getting married between the ages of 18- 24?



Ashley Campolongo, junior

James Padula, junior (left)
Donnie Kirkwood, sophomore

Mitch Taylor, sophomore

Chris Bochy, senior

Photography by Laura DeAntonio

Leah Knows Her Stuff

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

Isn't it ironic where you seem to find some of your most original and beloved possessions? Whether you find your favorite treasure in a flee market, a small town shop, or as in Leah Mazzocca's case, a craft show at Cape Cod the hunt is always exciting. Whatever your story may be, the world is full of interesting objects people have come to love.

During SGA I happened to gaze upon Leah's very original tote. It was made solely from magazine covers featuring the hottie Johnny Depp. She soon revealed that she bought the tote at a church craft fair while on vacation. "My mom wanted to go and so we did...I am the absolute purse fanatic and when I saw it, I knew I had to have it," said Leah. The bag is made from magazine covers screened onto a plastic-like material that is rip and rain proof. The material also holds up to 100 pounds. This bag is a wonderful idea for all you ladies who carry your life inside of your purse.

The totes are made by April Farner of Atlanta, Georgia who created her own business, Purse-N-Ality. She designs purses out of everything from Capri Sun Bags to your favorite zine cover. The bags start off at $45 to $50 dollars and higher according to your design and cover page.

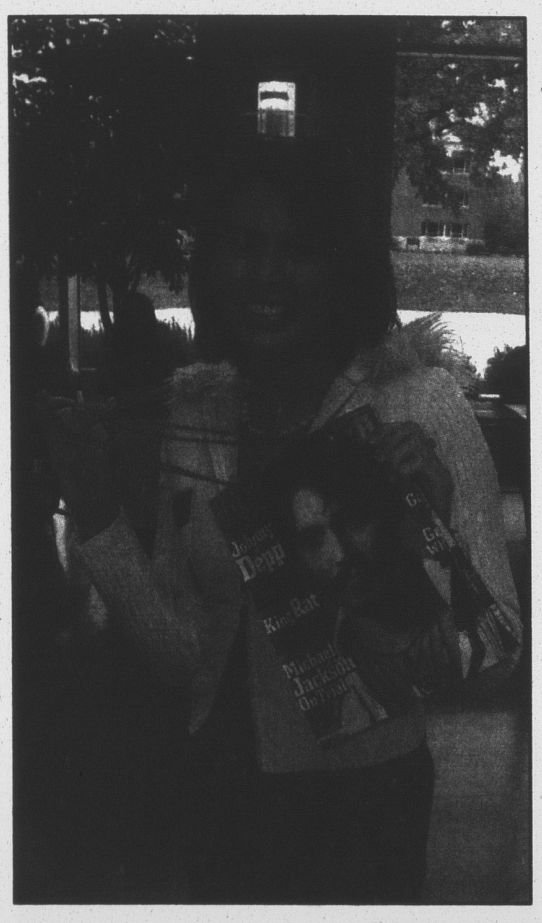
It seems as if about every woman carries a bag full of their precious, yet sometimes peculiar, belongings. I must point out the fact that women are not the only ones carrying a purse throughout history. Even today we see men wearing shoulder bags or even carrying a designer "man bag."

The history of the purse extends all the way back to the time of our friends King Tut and Cleopatra. Egyptian hieroglyphics show people wearing pouch-like bags around their waists. The first written record of the purse comes from 14th century literature. Bags were attached to girdles and fastened to the waist and the richer the lady, the more "bling bling" she had sewn onto the article.

During the next century, bags became simpler and we made out of cloth and leather. Then throughout the 17th century, smaller and more oddly shaped purses were carried by both men and women. They were adorned with embroidery and became a sort of artwork.

It was not until the 1900's that the term "handbag" came about and was used to described a man's handheld luggage. Twenty years later, the purse became a woman's best friend. Today, woman and men carry everything from mouthwash to rechargeable batteries in their bags. Believer me, I have friends who carry such random objects. I don't know whether it is the idea that you can carry a lot of odd things with you at one time or that hunting and finding the perfect purse gives today's vixens, as Katherine Larson would say, a thrill.

If you would like to make your own magazine purse with the help of Purse-N-Ality, you can email the shop at afarner@gmail.com. Until then, happy hunting for your ideal bag to match your personality.



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Natalie Coccia is a junior media art major/PR minor despite the fact that she has not taken time to declare either at the registrar. As of now, she is struggling with her love-hate relationship with Myspace.

Q&A with one lucky senior
Titan Eye Candy

Amanda Hauger takes us inside one student's near death experience

Contributed photo

Amy Schroder, of Irwin, PA, is just like any other normal college senior. A double major in Spanish and elementary education, she was last year's Homecoming Queen, is active in her sorority, enjoys traveling, and loves cheesecake. What makes her story so different is that she almost died of carbon monoxide poisoning this past summer.

Amy was studying abroad in Argentina for nearly a month when the accident happened. She went to bed one night but did something she hadn't done before. She left the space heater running in her apartment next to her host family's house. As she slept, Amy was exposed to carbon monoxide for 10-12 hours due to a malfunction in the heater. When she didn't show up for class the next morning, her classmates were concerned. Her host mother found her unconscious in her bed, gasping for air. Amy was rushed to the hospital, but the prognosis didn't look good. All of the heating systems in Argentina work the same way. The hospitals have seen so many similar cases, and no patient had ever survived carbon monoxide poisoning.

Back home, Amy's parents were rushing around trying to renew their passports so they could get to their daughter. When they finally arrived, the doctors didn't have good news. Amy was in a coma and even if she did survive, she would probably have severe brain damage and other mental and physical damages as well.

Miraculously, a week later, Amy woke up. Doctors slowly took her off the respirator and performed numerous brain scans. The tests revealed that Amy was just fine. The doctors couldn't believe her progress, and said her recovery was "of God."

There is no reason, medically, that I should be alive today. The doctors told my parents I was the first person they've seen with my condition that was able to fully recover.

"There is no reason, medically, that I should be alive today," Amy said. "The doctors told my parents I was the first person they've seen with my condition that was able to fully recover."

Amy spent 15 days in the hospital and eight days in rehabilitation. She lost over 20 pounds while in the hospital and also the ability to walk. She had to learn all over again.

"I knew how to walk, but physically I just couldn't do it," Amy said. "I see people in wheelchairs now and I understand their frustration."

Amy returned to the U.S. on the Fourth of July and said it felt like the fireworks were just for her. Now fully recovered, she is student teaching and planning a September 16, 2006 wedding to fiancé Andy Winner, a Westminster graduate. "This experience made us appreciate each other and realize that our time together may be limited," Amy said.

She is thankful to Senora Lopez and her classmates who traveled to Argentina with her, saying they were all so wonderful and took good care of her. "I've had a lot of happy reunions," she said.

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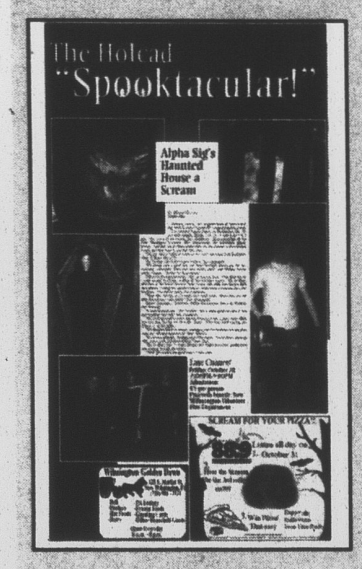

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Photo by Natalie Coccia

Orchestra readies for first concert

A&E writer Natalie Coccia takes a look at the ensemble, Page B-2

Campus statistic of the week

Number of students who gave blood Wed., Oct. 26

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Source: Student Affairs

Weekend Weather from the Accuweather®
Friday: Chilly with sunny spells, 47/32
Saturday: Sunshine; nice in the p.m., 52/38
Sunday: Sunshine and pleasant, 64/42

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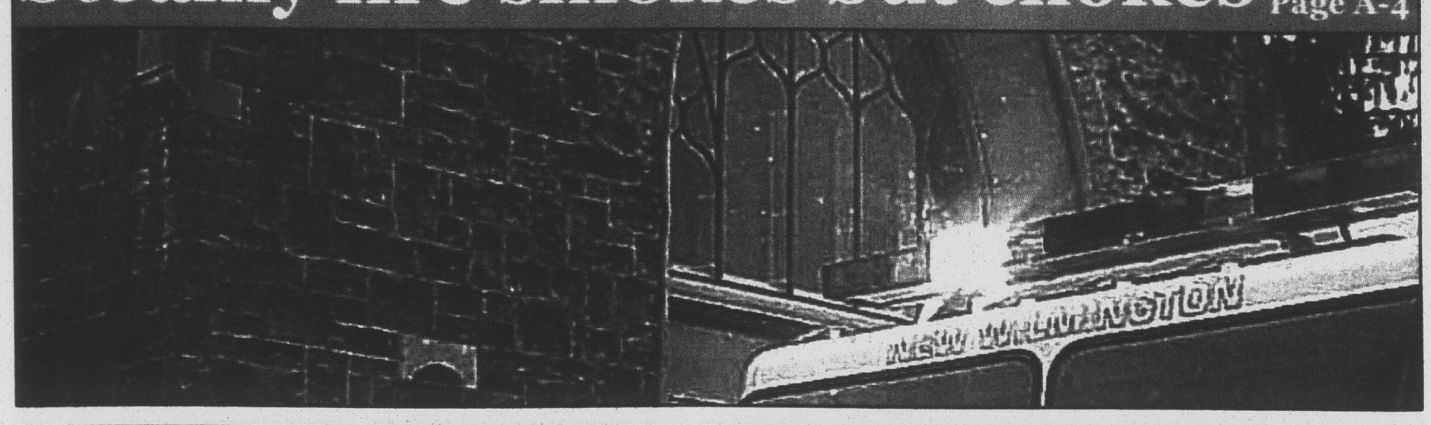

Feast for the eyes?

Dining hall to undergo renovations. Page A-5

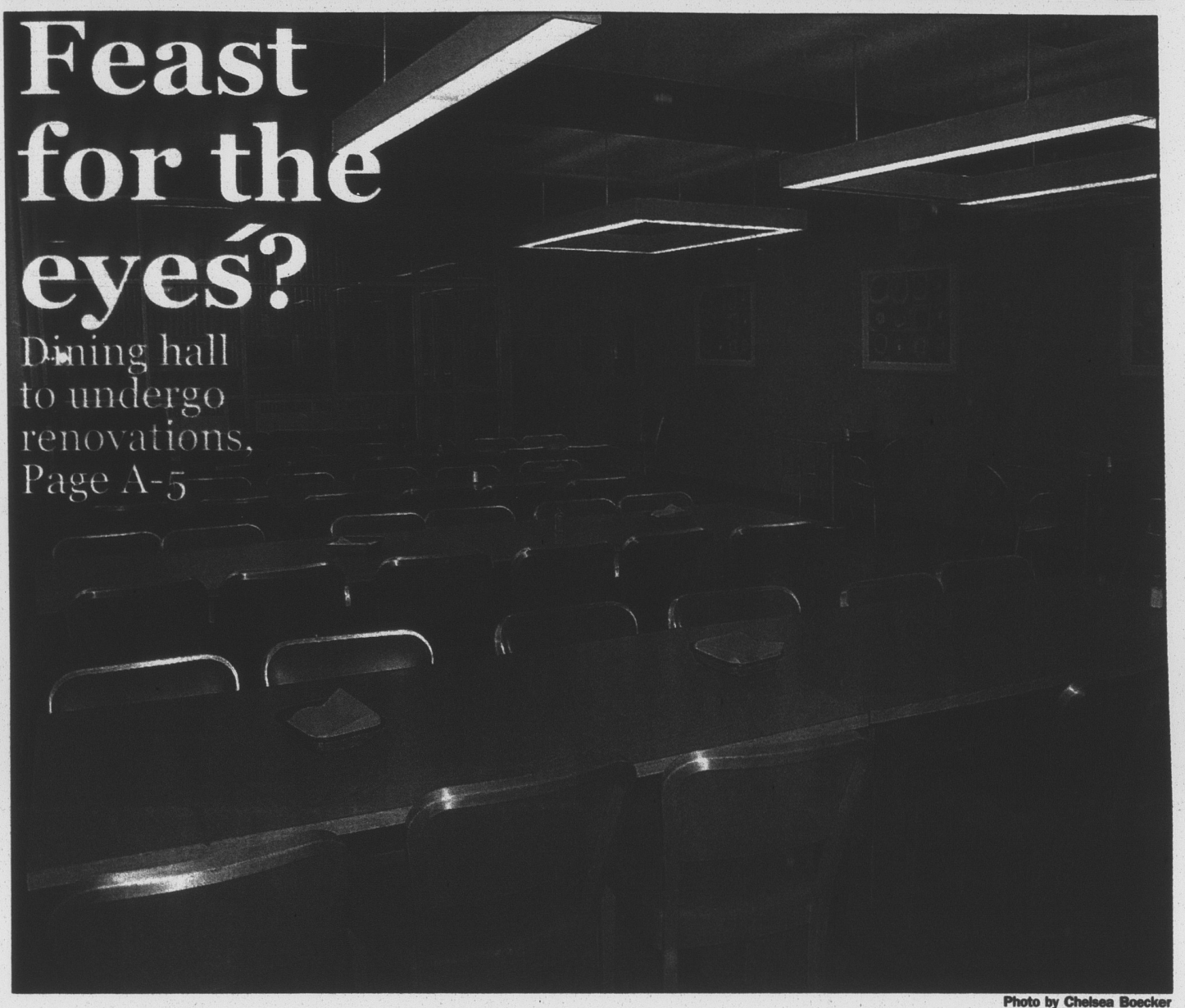

Photo by Chelsea Boecker

A savory sight

Just recently, the blueprints for the McGinness dining hall were unveiled; construction begins early this November. The more than three-hundred thousand dollar project is slated for completion by the spring semester. The full story can be found on Page A-5.

A rendezvous with registration

By Amanda Hauger
Campus writer

With registration just weeks away, more information and updates on classes through the registrar, June Garner Pierce are expected. An additional cluster course was added, and updates to course schedules are made daily. For those students who mindlessly delete these e-mails from the registrar, they could be doing so at their own detriment.

In addition to checking e-mails for registration updates, it's also a good idea for students to keep on top of all registration rumors. Despite talk that the cluster course will be phased out in the future, much like the Inquiry 102 course, Garner Pierce says this just isn't true. The recent change to discard Inquiry 102 from required course studies came about for many reasons.

"There was a long series of meetings and studies that took place about dropping the requirements for graduation," Garner Pierce said. "Westminster looked at state requirements and other college's requirements and found that we were asking a lot more from our students than other schools."

This year's junior and senior classes will graduate with 132 credit hours, while sophomores and freshman will graduate with 128.

Historically, many students tend to overload when it comes time for registration. Overloading constitutes taking more than 19 credit hours per semester.

Those who take more than 19 hours do so in order to graduate early or even to ensure they graduate on time. For some students, course load can depend on their specific major.

"Typically, music majors overload each semester because they need a total of 136 credit hours to graduate," Garner Pierce said.

See REGISTER, *Page A-4*

TitanNET: The trick is to read instructions

By Jared Foster
Campus writer

Paul Wallace, Director of Information Systems, has many helpful hints regarding computer troubles.

Recently, many students have encountered various computer problems. Some problems are very minor and easy to correct, such as switching a phone cable to a network cable, fixing broken ports or cables, using the wrong ports and help with incorrect or forgotten passwords. Others require a trip to the technician desk, including incomplete or conflicting anti-virus installation, skipped steps in the TitanNET setup, out-of-date software, incorrect or conflicting configuration settings and spyware and adware difficulties.

"This year, a new problem has come about. When battery power is being used, a few laptops have disabled the network interface card by default," Wallace said. "This problem can be fixed if the user can be connected wirelessly."

In order to reduce the number of problems, Information Systems encourages students to follow all steps in the TitanNET CD installation carefully, regularly check e-mail and voice mail for messages regarding computer information, contact the Call Center (6900) to report problems, check the Information Systems Web pages for any tips or instructions and pay attention to any notices distributed by Information Systems.

"Sometimes the most practical-or only-resolution to a performance or connection problem is to remove and re-install all software on the computer," Wallace said. "This eliminates conflicting or missing configuration settings or removes things such as spyware."

If a student has a college-recommended IBM laptop, he or she can take the computer to the technician desk in Hoyt to have the original image installed. Any student that purchased a college-recommended Dell laptop this year should have the CDs he or she would need to install the original image themselves. All important files should be backed-up before doing this, however.

"Our staff cannot re-image machines for students who have other brands of computers since images are unique to specific models and we cannot know what is installed on all of the different machines students bring to campus," Wallace said.

Students without the college-recommended IBMs or Dells have two other options. They can either hire another student from the list at the technician desk in Hoyt, or

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opinions/editorials

Rant & Rave

Someone's not a happy camper today.

I an' I be sorry for dat, mon.

Guys, I feel so American right now.

When did this become a class on Egyptology?

ALL CAPS HURTS MY EYES!

The world is not enough, but it's such a perfect place to start, my love.

Milk! Sweet nectar of the moo cow!

Hey, nice of you to show up for class.

Why aren't there clocks in most of the classroooms?

One of these days, I'm gonna take a screwdriver to that door in the Patterson stairway next to the music department.

Ooh, so scary, I think I might lose control of my vitals.

I'm waiting, I'm waiting for you.

If you see him, scare him for me.

Sometimes I really have to question whether or not they actually do what they say they do.

But I don't want to go to college! I want to dance and dance and dance!

Is there such thing as the Skunkweed League?

There's something so theraputic about listening to slow '90s music.

Well, you can definitely tell I didn't study for that one.

Oh, me? I'm insane, just like the rest of you.

Impressive, most impressive.

Is she safe?

Oh man, you don't want to know.

TUB food makes my tummy quiver.

Does anyone here speak geek?

She's so awesome, she's so..what's the word...matheletic.

Meet the new boss, same as the old boss.

I think I'm paranoid.

I think you're just crazy.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Forum for Your Thoughts

Once a month, the editorial staff invites a member of the campus community to share his or her own experiences involving the college's traditions as another vehicle for perceptive discourse on this leading liberal arts campus. This week, religion professor Dr. Kang Na speaks candidly, enlightening us on Halloween historical shenanigans.

Halloween: Much Ado about Nothing?

My wife and I have three adorable children. As the end of October approaches, the five of us are preparing for the annual ritual of digging through and sorting the mountain of candies, chocolates, chips, bubblegums, and yes, a few years ago, even a set of toothbrush and paste, that is sure to appear in our dining room on the confectionary D-Day known as All Hallow Even, better known as Halloween (NB: properly pronounced HAL-low-EEN, not HOL-low-Ween). Just as an unexamined life is not worth living, an unexamined mountain of candies and snacks is not worth eating. Well, what is the meaning of Halloween?

As with all holidays—NB: holy-days—there are many things that amorphously and ambiguously inundate our life around Halloween: the plethora of pumpkins and Jack-o-Lanterns, which come from a tale of a man named Jack whose soul wandered the world carrying a turnip with a fiery coal inside; candies; a cacophony of "Trick or Treat!" at the door; children and grown-ups in ghoulish and jocose costumes displaying the unending horizons of human creativity and wit, or perhaps the contemporary closet full of our deepest, darkest angst about death, nothingness, and anti-creation; more candies; mischievous and often harmful pranks on homes, cars, and even people; costume parties galore; lawn ornaments and decorations that tend to border more on kitsch than on sublime aesthetics; and still more candies.

Since centuries ago All Hallows or All Saints' Day has been observed in Western liturgical churches on November 1st as a Christian feast in honor of all the saints. Before that, it seems to have been a Celtic celebration of the new year. Since All Saints' Day was a religious observance, the night before, Halloween, came to be understood as the realm of the enemies of the church such as witches and sorcerers—hence, the idea of Halloween as a time of ghosts and monsters. Halloween was not widely celebrated in our country until the 1840s, when thousands of Irish citizens came here to escape the great potato famine. Before that, it had only been observed in a few small Irish-Catholic communities. That is to say, Halloween in America is the legacy of the mass emigration from the Emerald Isle and Scotland long ago.

But what about now? What are all the expensive decorations and costume parties about? Just candy? If so, our celebration of Easter is not far behind. The Christian celebration of Halloween is barely palpable. The Celtic-Druid celebration is also barely perceptible. I'm afraid I don't see much beyond the mountain of candy that I can already in the dining room of my mind's imagination. I don't see much beyond an empty conservatism that transmits the ghosts of meaningful celebrations from ages ago. The messengers of meaning turn out to be essentially lifeless zombies that indeed walk, but without knowing whence or whither. Just walking. The celebration, or better yet, non-celebration of Halloween represents the ultimate Existentialist coupling of Hershey's and the theater of the absurd.

All this notwithstanding, my family "celebrates" Halloween. In so doing, I have found at least one salutary effect of our Halloweens. It is the one evening when all the kids in our neighborhood are out and about, away from their desktops and Xboxes, away from the IMs and e-mails, away from the ever elusive lure of TVs, DVDs, CDs, MP3s. In our neighborhood, the children and their parents ambulate for this sacred hour-and-a-half, even if disguised as ghosts and zombies, crossing streets they would otherwise not cross, knocking on doors they would otherwise never near, seeing their neighbors' face they would otherwise not see. In all this, they breathe life into an ordinarily sterile landscape that is our development. In all this, they hallow the ground we call neighborhood.

Back on the other hand, Halloween still haunts me with the specter of nihilism. Has Hallowe'en become a hollow e'en? Somewhere amidst the smashed pumpkins that may again litter the streets of my otherwise intact neighborhood, and under the festive costumes and parties that celebrate pretty much nothing are intimations of chaos and meaninglessness. We seem to celebrate each year this Halloween that represents and celebrates nothing. No wonder "Seinfeld" resonates with our turn-of-the-millennium American existence. We don't just enjoy watching a show about nothing. We seem to be becoming one.

Dr. Kang Na
Professor of Religion

Halloween a time for candy, light-hearted frights

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

Well, it's the Halloween issue again, and once again I don't have anything scary to say. I was told to write something spooky and edgy for the season, but I don't know of anything I can say that would freak you out. Of course, if you get scared at something like The Holcad you have problems. We're not a spooky organization. We're just pretending this week.

Anyway, I love Halloween. You never see people go completely crazy for a holiday like they do with Halloween. Well, people go crazy for Christmas, but not in that "I'll put a fake dead body on my lawn" sort of way. Christmas gives us love and devotion. Halloween gives us gore and panic.

I remember trick-or-treating as a kid. My favorite house was not the one that had the best candy, but the house that had the guy who went completely insane two hours before trick-or-treating started. He dug up his yard for graves, he made kids pick candy out of walking corpses, and every now and then a vampire would assault someone in the rose garden.

Kids were crying and scared. I was in awe. It was the coolest thing I had ever seen in my nine years. Seriously, kids were crying outside the ominous gates, refusing to go in! To me, it meant two things. One, I could steal their candy. Two, I wanted to be that insane guy who was leaping out of coffins with an axe planted in my head. I wanted to become the house that kids both loved and dreaded coming to every year.

Unfortunately, around this time I was learning the lesson of "the value of a dollar." Good Halloween novelty items are expensive! Heck, even if I were to go shopping now, I probably still wouldn't be able to afford the really creepy stuff that would have children running, spilling their delicious candy on my sidewalk as they went. I was disheartened.

There are other ways to decorate for Halloween. Some people go with the "cute" approach and buy novelty items that are witty and adorable. I hate that. Happy, sleepy-eyed ghosts saying "boo" are not going to put fear in people's hearts! Kids aren't going to go running from a dopey, smiling pumpkin! I want them to flee in terror for their mortal souls and not come back and ask for more candy!

I know, that sounds a little harsh. Hey, give me a break. It's Halloween. This is the one time of year that it's okay to scare children and refuse to give them candy. After all, they say "trick or treat." We can easily just say trick and blast them with a fire hose. Oh sorry, forgot to be festive. An evil fire hose.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. He spends most of his spare time nursing an addiction to "Kool-Aid Jammers" and creating insane theories about dinosaurs. If you see him on campus, give him a cookie. This will please him, as well as shut him up until you can escape.

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The Economics Club is seeking to be recognized on the college campus. Their purpose is to attract an interest in the field of economics; bring students together with other students and faculty to exchange ideas about course selection, applying to graduate school, careers in the field; to expose students to the current economic issues both within the United States and abroad; and to promote economic knowledge both on campus and throughout the community. Any objections should be sent to Camille Hawthorne, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, by Nov. 1.

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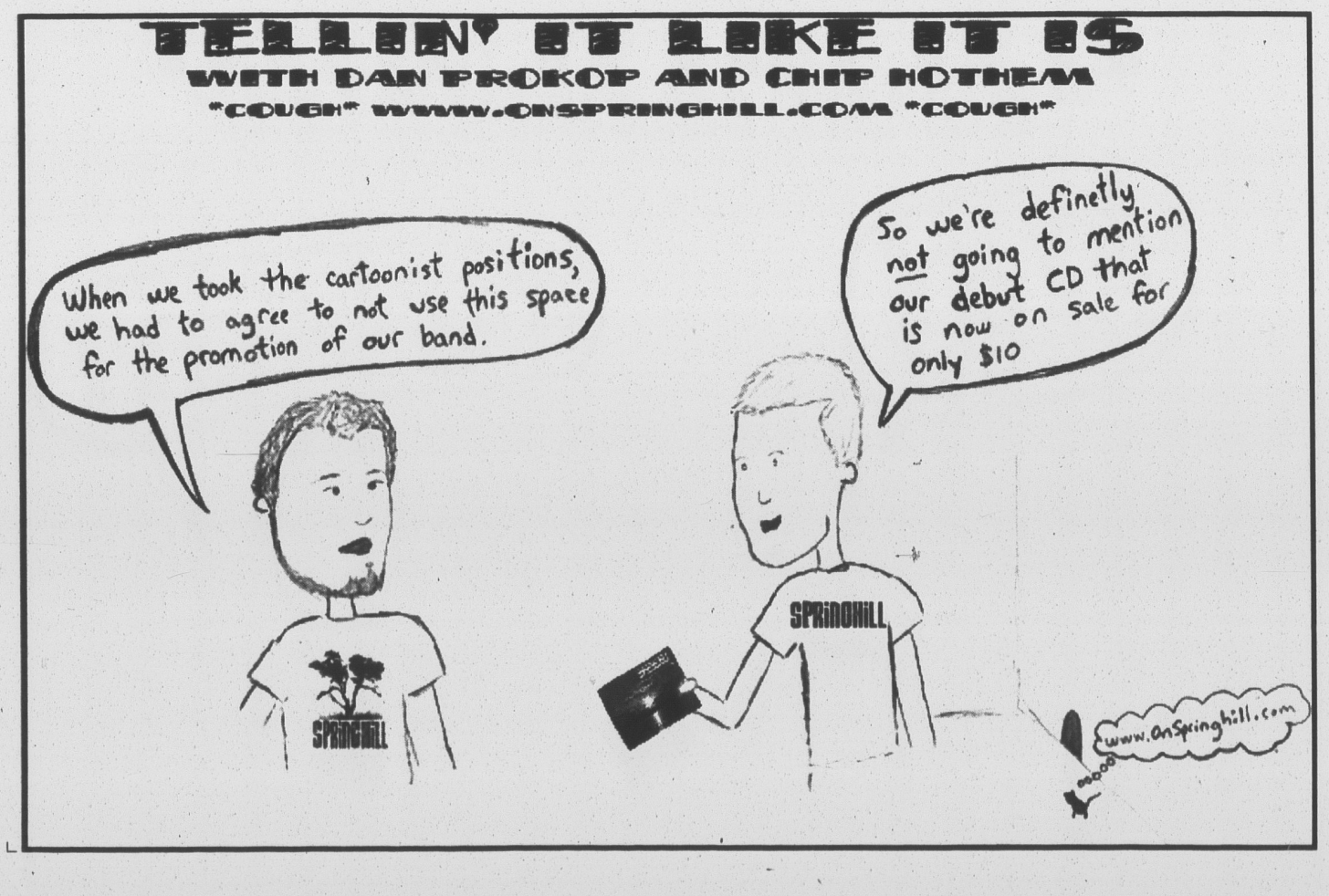

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Westminster Outside the Bubble

Ripped from the Wire

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Neshannock Township Police search for a bank robber

Neshannock Township Police are looking for the man who robbed the Citizens Bank inside Giant Eagle on Wilmington Road around 2:30 Tuesday afternoon. Police say the man seen in these surveillance photos demanded money from one of the tellers and made a threatening motion with his hand. He then took the money, ran out of the store, and escaped in a small, gold vehicle, possibly a Cavalier. Neshannock Township Police Chief Phillip Carlo says the suspect is a white male with white hair and moustache, about 5'11" and 180 pounds. Anyone with information should contact the Neshannock Police Department at 724-656-9300.

County's change of scenery & snow a little Halloween prank from mother nature?

The chill in the air along with the rain and some October snow will make it hard to enjoy the autumn scenery in Western Pennsylvania. Areas to the east and south of Pittsburgh saw the season's first snowfall and it even closed several schools. Because trees still have many leaves, the wet, heavy snow was also causing limbs to break in places like Westmoreland County. Here in Lawrence and Mercer Counties the cold, wet weather and the muted fall colors will also disappoint local leaf peepers. State Agriculture Extension Agency experts blame a hot, dry summer for the lack of red and orange in the fall colors.

Mummy mythbusting at Westminster, secrets revealed

She has kept her secrets for nearly 2,000 years, but modern technology has now exposed what was wrapped in mystery at Westminster College since 1886. Westminster's Egyptian mummy exhibit showcases X-rays and Cat Scans debunking a campus myth. Westminster curator of cultural artifacts Sam Farmerie, Ed.D., says he can now separate the fact from the fiction.

Weaver's WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1. Where did the PAC pre-season poll rank the Titan men's and women's basketball teams?
   a. First
   b. Second
   c. Third
   d. Fourth
   e. Last

2. Where did a bank robbery take place this week in Lawrence County?
   a. Neshannock Township
   b. New Wilmington
   c. Ellwood City
   d. New Castle
   e. Volant

3. Identify the person President Bush nominated this week to replace Alan Greenspan as chairman of the Federal Reserve.
   a. Ben Bernanke
   b. Michael Chertoff
   c. David Paulison
   d. I. Lewis Libby
   e. Patrick Fitzgerald

4. Which team won the World Series this week?
   a. The Baltimore Ravens
   b. The Houston Astros
   c. The Chicago White Sox
   d. The New York Yankees
   e. The Boston Red Sox

5. Identify the Lawrence County office up for election next month?
   a. Lawrence County Controller
   b. Lawrence County Treasurer
   c. Lawrence County Commissioner
   d. Lawrence County District Attorney
   e. Lawrence County Clerk

6. Why were firefighters called to Old Main this week?
   a. An electrical fire broke out in the Registrar's office.
   b. Steam leaked from a heating line in the building.
   c. A cat was stuck in the tower.
   d. A coffee pot burned in the Tower Room.
   e. A burning candle fell onto a hymnal in the chapel.

7. What did the Student Health Center run short of this week?
   a. appointments with the doctor
   b. condoms
   c. meningitis vaccine
   d. flu vaccine
   e. donars for the blood drive

1.) B 2.) A 3.) A 4.) C 5.) D 6.) B 7.) D

Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations instructor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with dubious current event quizes.

REGIONAL

PA Senate visited by parrot

Parrot serenades senators

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - A yellow-naped Amazon parrot from the National Aviary in Pittsburgh sang "How much is that doggie in the window?" and "Alouette" to surprised senators Tuesday.

The parrot, named Groucho, sat on a perch in a Senate visitors' balcony and sang in a warbling, croaking voice for several minutes after Lt. Gov. Catherine Baker Knoll, who presides over the chamber, formally recognized the bird and an aviary staff member with it.

Immediately afterward, Sen. Robert C. Jubelirer, the chamber's president pro tempore, was seen scolding Knoll on the Senate floor.

Knoll's spokeswoman Johnna A. Pro said Knoll was simply recognizing the bird after Jubelirer approved the gesture. Jubelirer was in a meeting later and not available for comment, his secretary said.

The parrot's visit to Harrisburg with aviary staff was intended to raise awareness for World Rainforest Week, and how destruction of the rainforest affects endangered species, according to a letter from Sen. Wayne Fontana to Knoll.

Fontana, Senate secretary Mark Corrigan and Pro said they were not aware of arrangements or approval for the bird to sing.

"I think there was some miscommunication," Corrigan said. "I think they were going to be introduced, and somehow they got to the point where the parrot was singing this song. I don't think there was any intention to have the parrot singing. ... I think it came as a surprise to everyone on the floor."

Aviary staff come to Harrisburg each year and bring one of their flock to show lawmakers, but usually any demonstrations are in senators' offices or meeting rooms, not on the floor, said Sen. Jake Corman, R-Centre.

"In my seven years, it's never happened on the Senate floor," Corman said. "I assume no harm was meant."

Fontana, D-Allegheny, offered: "The parrot actually sings a little bit better than me."

NATIONAL

Product & food recalls

Sauce, themometers pose risks

By The Associated Press

About 3,804 cans of spaghetti sauce, manufactured by Hirzel Canning Co., have been recalled because the sauce has cheese, even though that ingredient is not listed on the label. The cheese could pose a risk for people who are allergic to dairy products. The recalled 106-ounce cans of Prima Qualita Meatless Spaghetti bear the code 5242X 1SGSA or 5246Y 1SGSA. The recalled products were distributed in Iowa, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Illinois. For more information, visit http://www.fda.gov or call the company at 1-800-837-1631.

About 48,600 thermometers manufactured by Omron Healthcare Inc., have also been recalled because the product may overheat, posing the risk of burns. The company has received around 20 reports of products malfunctioning. The recalled battery-operated, Omron 3-Way Instant Thermometers bear model numbers beginning 01-32, 01-36, 01-37 or 01-38. The model numbers are located inside the battery compartments. Drug stores, the pharmacy sections of food stores and internet retailers sold the products nationwide and in Canada from September 2001 to October 2005.

INTERNATIONAL

Saving Babies

Europe reviving idea of allowing mothers to leave babies at churches and hospitals

NAPLES, Italy (AP) - For centuries, desperately poor mothers came to the Annunziata church to push their newborns into a dark slot within a wooden turntable in a convent wall. A few turns, they hoped, and their child would have a better life.

From medieval times or earlier, women across Europe resorted to systems like "the wheel" to abandon infants they were too poor or ashamed to keep.

Such arrangements were abolished more than a century ago as uncivilized. But increasingly frequent news reports about babies tossed in trash bins or into toilet bowls are prompting modern versions of the "wheel" to make a comeback on the continent.

The systems have names like "babyklappe" (baby slot) in Austria and Germany; "babyfenster" (baby window) in Switzerland; "babybox" in the Czech Republic; "culle per vite" (cradles for life) in Italy.

Many are sophisticated incubator-like containers that heat up when a baby is placed inside. In some cases an alarm sounds after a few minutes, giving the mother a chance to say goodbye before attendants come to fetch the baby.

Baby slots are increasingly being advocated or considered by doctors and social workers who say Europe's anti-abandonment strategies are inadequate. Some of them point to the rising number of illegal immigrant women, whose clandestine status may put them under pressure to abandon unwanted babies.

This summer, the grisly discovery in eastern Germany of nine newborns whose remains were stuffed into flower pots and a fish tank in a garden fueled calls in that country for more places where mothers could secretly drop off unwanted babies.

"It is a scandal that in a civilized land mothers must bring their children into the world in train station toilets and bathtubs because they are too afraid to go to a hospital," said Dr. Juergen Moysich, chairman of SterniPaark, a group that organized the "baby slot" program in Hamburg, Germany.

Hamburg started its program in 2000 after a newborn was found dead in a garbage container. The first "babyklappe" was put at a day care center near the train station in a poor neighborhood. So far, 22 babies have been left at Hamburg's two "slots," with seven of those infants later reclaimed by their birth mothers. Three babies were handed over directly by mothers who called SterniPaark's hot line, the group said.

In the more than five years since the introduction of baby slots in Hamburg, only four infants _ three of them dead _ have been found abandoned in the city. That is fewer than were found in 1999 alone, when five discarded newborns were found.

In all, Germany now has 78 "babyklappe" facilities, and about a dozen more are planned in various cities.

In Hungary, 34 infants have been left in a dozen incubators around the country, generally near hospital entrances, since 1996. In Austria, 12 infants have been slid into a "babyklappe" in the last five years.

Baby-slots would help "a woman who is desperate but who wants to save her child and doesn't have the courage ... to go to a hospital," said Enrico Guida, health director of Annunziata's maternity and pediatric hospital.

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Campus News

Dancing up a storm

Dance Theatre already stepping it up by rehearsing for their upcoming March show

By Serah Stauffer
Campus Writer

Dance Theatre members are stretching out, loosening up, and getting their dancing shoes on as they head for the stage in their annual production

Dancers are already rehearsing and attending technical classes every Thursday at 8 p.m. in Old 77 to allow them some time to enjoy dancing with the other members without having to rehearse. Every week, the classes focus on a different style of dance.

"Tech class is fun! They try to mix it up: one week it could be hip-hop, another week, jazzy" junior Emily Wall said.

Wall has been involved with the group since her freshman year and has loved her experience with Dance Theatre. This year, she enjoys the variation of dance styles that officers have provided through the tech classes. Wall says this helps keep up the energy by allowing dancers to practice various styles of dance. It also gets all the groups together who are usually split up into their individual practices.

Senior Dance Theatre president Jessica Bailey is looking forward to a good show this year and says there are even more participants in the program than before, particularly men. Dance Theatre has typically attracted mostly female participants so Bailey is happy to see more males in the group.

"It's so nice to have guys at tech class," Bailey said. "We have more people attending technique class than last year which is really awesome!"

Because members have to audition for individual dances, those who don't make it into them sometimes drop out of the program because they won't get much stage time. This year, the group is providing even more opportunities for dancers who don't make it into choreographed routines to have stage time in the production.

Senior Abby Seymour says she is glad to see this change.

"There's more opportunity to be involved," Abby said of this year's show, although she's not sure yet how Dance Theatre officers will provide this chance.

The overall theme for this year has not been revealed yet, but whatever it is, the choreographers try to make each dance unique, with its own style and flair. Junior Cherell Triplett, who is choreographing a hip-hop routine, says the group does a good job of keeping things interesting.

"There's definitely a lot of diversity: folk, jazz and tap," Triplett said.

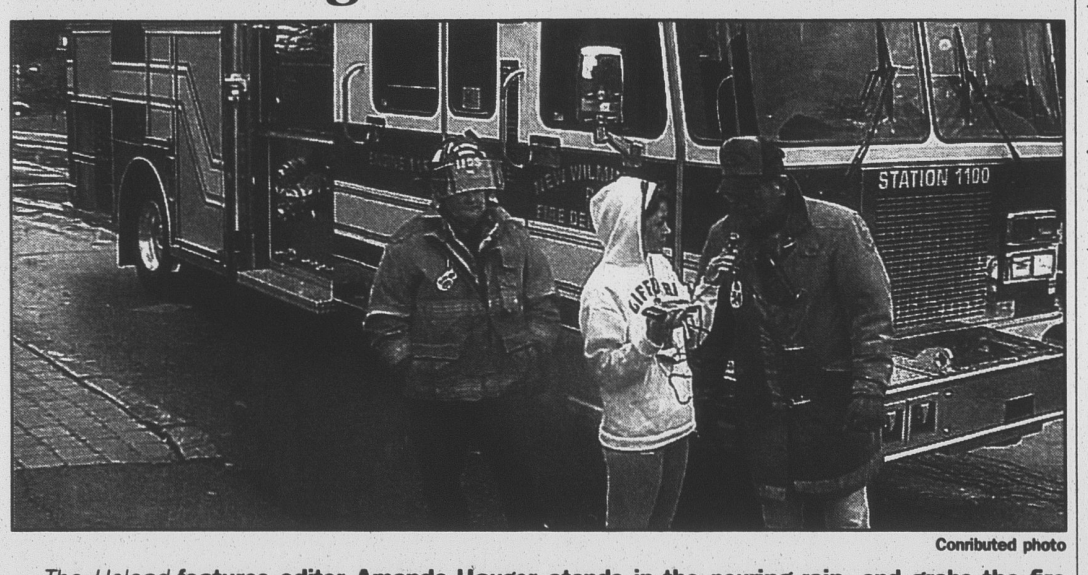
Wall has nothing but good things to say about her experience. "For not having any training in dance, they [Dance Theatre officials] made it so fun! It's not just for fun, though; you learn things."

Performers are anxious to take the stage and show off all the hard work they've put in. Many students don't realize the amount of time these dancers put into the annual production. While juggling weekly practices and tech classes with schoolwork, Dance Theatre participants certainly earn their spot in the limelight.

"We are doing our very best to make Dance Theatre something people look forward to every week, and feel like their time is spent well" Bailey said of this year's efforts. "Overall, I feel like Dance Theatre just keeps getting better and better each year, with creative people that try to better the organization and think outside the box."

The production will be in Orr Auditorium March 2-4, 2006. With all the different types of dances included, this performance is sure to please.

Steam brings fire trucks to Old Main



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The Holcad **features editor Amanda Hauger stands in the pouring rain, and grabs the fire scoop for the Tuesday Noon Titan Radio News.**

By Alex Hines
Campus writer

The Westminster College campus received a rude awakening Tuesday morning when sirens were heard throughout New Wilmington, as the New Wilmington Fire Department as well as departments from other communities were summoned to Old Main.

Shortly after 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, Executive Secretary to the President Joe Ann Miller went to her file room door and saw smoke coming from the room. Worried that something may have been on fire, Miller investigated herself before reporting the occurrence to the Physical Plant. The Physical Plant then summoned the fire department to investigate.

Upon arriving on campus, an investigation revealed that no fire was actually present in Old Main, but that what Miller saw was simply steam emanating from a pipe after it had recently been turned on. According to Owen Wagner, director of the physical plant, one of the possible causes of the steam and haze was the heat from the newly activated pipes reacting with a coat of fresh

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Registering

Scheduling on the way

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Students regularly overloading may have something to do with the college's high graduation rate.

"We have a high rate of students who complete requirements in four years," Garner Pierce said. "We're way above the national average. If students listen to their advisor, take a full course load each semester (16 or 17 hours) and complete the required coursework, four years is plenty of time to graduate."

Currently, Westminster is ranked fourth in the nation in graduation rates among liberal arts colleges.

While graduating on time is typical, not many students graduate early. This year, one exception is senior Melissa DePaul, a double major in broadcast communications and business administration, who will graduate a semester early in December.

"I was able to graduate early by overloading each semester and by taking classes for two summers at the community college of Allegheny County," DePaul said. "I took most of my IP requirements, such as biology, philosophy, political science, and two business electives. It really helped out a lot and cut down on my costs for college."

Students are reminded to bring their permit-to-register, completed registration card, alternate course selection, and any overload petitions or internship papers to registration.

"The most important thing is for students to remain flexible and be prepared for alternate courses and to consider other options," Garner Pierce said.

Early spring registration will be held on November 7, 8, and 9 in the Witherspoon Maple Room in the McKelvey Campus Center.

TitanNET

Helping your computer?

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to have the original image installed. Any student that purchased a college-recommended Dell laptop this year should have the CDs he or she would need to install the original image themselves. All important files should be backed-up before doing this, however.

"Our staff cannot re-image machines for students who have other brands of computers since images are unique to specific models and we cannot know what is installed on all of the different machines students bring to campus," Wallace said.

Students without the college-recommended IBMs or Dells have two other options. They can either hire another student from the list at the technician desk in Hoyt, or they can contact the college vendor. The vendor's contact information can be found on the "Student PC Requirements" page under the computing section of the college Web site.

Currently, there are over 30 brand name manufacturers represented on campus, along with some non-brand name models. Some students even have homemade computers.

"We encourage all students who choose other models to be knowledgeable about maintaining their own computers, including being able to re-install software as necessary," Wallace said.

Not getting the big picture

Shoddy movie projection in Mueller Theatre irks students

Photo by Chelsea Boecker

Movies and images shown on the screen in Mueller Theater rarely occupy the entire screen.

By Tory Duerr
Investigative Staff Writer

If you have attended weekend movies or have classes in Mueller Theater in McKelvey, there is a good chance that you have noticed that only part of the surface of the screen is used for viewing films. Many of the more perceptive students have asked: if the college purchased such a nice widescreen, why is only part of it used?

Seeking an answer to this frequently asked question, I went to speak with Gary Swanson from audio visual services and Camille Hawthorne from student affairs.

According to Swanson, the screen in the theater has a 16 by 9 length to height ratio, the same ratio as the screens in movie theaters and HDTV widescreens. However, the images that are being projected onto the screen have the same length to height ratio as most television screens, 4 by 3.

Swanson said that there is no reason why these full screen, 4 by 3 ratio images could not be zoomed and focused to appear larger on the screen. The controls to do so are available in the projection booth at the back of the theater. However, because of the image ratio differences, the person at the controls would have to be careful adjusting the image.

If the full-screen image is enlarged to fill the entire length of the widescreen in Mueller, the top and bottom of the image will be cut off as a result of the difference between the ratio of the image and the screen. If the image is stretched to fit the screen exactly, the ratio difference will cause the image to become distorted so that every person and object on the film would appear wider than they should appear.

So if the projection of the full screen images is problematic, and we have the technology to project widescreen films to fit the widescreen in McKelvey, why are we showing full-screen films?

According to Hawthorne, the choice to show full screen films is a result of copyright fees and the policy of the company from which the movies are ordered. the campus has to pay about $500 in copyright fees per movie. Since a fee must be paid in order for the campus to have the rights to show a movie in Mueller, more recent films that are usually not yet available on DVD are chosen.

The company that we get the movies from only sends the movies in full-screen format on VHS because there are less incidences of illegal copies being made from the full-screen VHS than there are from DVD. Since the films are being shown prior to their release dates, the company has to take this extra precaution.

Now we know that films which do not quite fit the screen in the theater are shown so that we can enjoy watching new films prior to their release on DVD. However, we also know that the image can still be enlarged to some degree, using the controls at the theater's projection booth. Maybe someone who knows how to operate the controls can volunteer to give the people in charge of starting the films a crash course in using these controls. Do not be afraid of technology, embrace it! After all, it's just "focusing" and "zooming."

Deep Breaths

Yoga—s t r e t c h e s—into Ferg lobby

By Christine Line
Campus Writer

Junior Valerie Kokai organized an all-campus yoga social held in the Ferguson lobby on Wed., Oct. 12 at 4:30 p.m.

The Life-Long Learning Program sponsored the hour-long social, which incorporated a mixture of power yoga, relaxation, and Pilates to introduce a variety of different exercises that target specific muscles. The LLP covered the cost for all those who attended. Kokai chose mid-Oct. because many students were studying for mid-terms, and she wanted to give them the opportunity to help manage their stress levels. Seventeen women attended the social, although all students were invited, and Kokai said that they left feeling energized and relaxed.

"It was a really nice taste-tester for students to experience different types of yoga," Kokai said. "All the women enjoyed the yoga and it helped them to not feel so stressed."

Kathy Birkholz led the yoga social. Also, she regularly instructs yoga classes on campus. Kokai, who also participated at the social, said that Birkholz was an extremely good instructor and made it challenging and enjoyable.

"For most of the women there, it was their first time doing yoga," she said. "She was really great at explaining the exercises and teaching for all different levels."

During the social, the power yoga exercises targeted students' abs and different muscles in their arms. A very popular yoga exercise was called the "Downward-Facing Dog," which is a holding pose designed to tone abs. Birkholz also taught "Asanas," a series of stretching poses. Breathing is a very important part of yoga, and the exercises are mostly linear and precise. The Pilates portion of the social also targeted different abdominal muscles. Another purpose of the social was to promote yoga on campus.

"I think the yoga class was a great workout, but also very relaxing at the same time," sophomore Laura Sahar said. "I definitely would like to do more yoga in the future."

Sophomore Ashley Linnelli has taken a few yoga classes in the past, and she claims it provides an alternative to traditional exercise.

"It's such a different way of working out, and it does a lot to manage stress levels when there is so much to do," Linnelli said.

Kokai says she may plan another social close to finals week. Birkholz is currently teaching yoga and Pilates classes in Eichenauer, running from Oct. 17- Nov. 18. The next session will run from Nov. 21- Dec. 17. The classes will be held Mon. through Thurs. from 6-7 p.m. Birkholz will focus on traditional yoga, power yoga, and Pilates different days of the week. The cost is $5 for a 5 week session. Interested students should contact Lori Scheidemantle from the LLP at extension 7353.

More news from around the campus

Eat, drink & be wary

GETTING DOWN AND DIRTY WITH SODEXHO

By Leanna Stitt
Staff writer

Exactly how well do our campus dining facilities do in health examination inspections? Is the food in which students partake on a daily basis truly fit for eating? Jeff Creveling, general manager of campus food services, answered these questions and more. When asked about inspection procedures, he initially stated, "We're very health-safety-conscious here." At least once a year, Galbreath and the TUB are inspected by the PA Department of Agriculture and the National Sanitation Foundation.

"NSF is an independent company that Sodexho [the campus food supplier] hires to come in and audit us." Creveling said.

According to Creveling, "[Sodexho] doesn't hire NSF so they can build up our scores; we hire them so they can do an objective survey of our food service."

During these inspections, food distributors receive a score out of 100 points that dictate their reliability as a food distributing business.

In order to pass inspection, Sodexho must make sure all employees are following guidelines for safe food procedures in the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points handbook.

"This large book takes us from before the purchase of food to when the food is put into mouths," Creveling said. It requires food distributors to purchase products from reputable people, follow proper handling procedures and control temperatures of food appropriately.

With all this said, a lingering question remains. What rating score did our campus dining services receive from the PA Department of Agriculture and the NSF?

The most recent October inspection by the Department of Agriculture occurred on. Compared to last year, Galbreath and the TUB scored fairly well. Galbreath received a score of 97, and the TUB received a score of 100. In Galbreath, 2 points were deducted for the "brown sediment and scale build-up" on the ice scoop bin of the ice machine. Another point was deducted for "standing water on floor in the walk-in-cooler."

The NSF also inspected Sodexho in January of 2005 and gave Galbreath a rating of 99 out of 100 points.

"The point was taken off for no documentation of the time it took us to cool chicken," Creveling said.

He emphasized that the chicken was cooled properly, but it wasn't recorded as it should have been.

On April 1, 2004, the PA Dept. of Agriculture inspected Galbreath cafeteria and gave it a rating of 88 out of 100 points. Galbreath received a markdown of 5 points for not displaying a consumer advisory statement in the facility that reads: "Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness." A markdown of 2 points came with the observance of a food worker "mixing pasta salad with bare hands." The additional 5 point markdown is due to the lack of a "backflow preventer" which should be attached at the faucet in the dishwashing room. Without a "backflow preventer," there is a possibility for dirty water to leak back into the dishwashing water.

On this same day in 2004, the TUB was also inspected by the PA Dept. of Agriculture and received a score of 85 out of 100 points. Reasons for this include potentially hazardous food temperatures and again, a lack of a "backflow preventer" in the dishroom.

In 2004, the NSF inspected Galbreath and gave them a score of 93 out of 100 points. This score, Creveling stated, is still in the "green zone." In addition to the NSF, the Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture inspected Sodexho facilities as well.

In 2003, Galbreath received a rating score of 89, and the TUB received a rating score of 97 from the inspection of the PA Dept. of Agriculture.

With this and all other inspections by the PA Dept. of Agriculture, facilities are expected to correct the problems within seven days.

"Our goal is not to pass inspections; our goal is to make sure the food that we serve the campus is safe," Creveling said. "The environmentalists are always pleased with what we're doing. Tony [the State Health department environmentalist] doesn't hesitate to eat here after an inspection."

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> *Jeff Creveling, general manager of campus food services*

According to Creveling, it is not required to publicly post these food scores. However, the state does require food distributors to display their licenses. For anyone who feels concerned, the licenses are posted inside of Creveling's office.

Also, nutritional information about the ingredients and health content of distributed food should be publicly displayed at food distributing businesses. "We've got to get updated on our nutritional information. Creveling said. We're still in the process of working on that."

For the time being, nutritional information on Sodexho foods can be found on the website: www.balancemindbodysoul.com.

In order to be certified as general manager, Creveling and all other supervisors nationwide must be accredited with the ServSafe program. This training program lasts two days, spanning a total of 15 hours of education on food safety and procedures.

Jeff stated that he received a 96% on the concluding test of the program.

The state of Pennsylvania requires at least one person at a site to be certified through ServSafe. Fortunately, the dining services at this campus have two certified workers. Along with Creveling, Beth Sammons is also a certified ServSafe manager who handles business at the TUB.

Employees in Galbreath and the TUB make sure to follow sanitary guidelines for food handling, according to Creveling. Unlike many other restaurants, Creveling pointed out that staff wear gloves, hair nets and hats to keep hands away from hair.

"The key priority in dining services is that we follow our procedures. But, there's always room for improvement," Creveling said.

McGinness to be renovated, reopened

By Leanna Stitt
Staff Writer
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At the end of Christmas break, students will return to more than just piles of books and new classes. Instead, students will arrive to a new option- a new cafeteria. The McGinness side of the cafeteria, presently the overflow dining area, will be transformed into the main dining area for Galbreath. The Duff side of the cafeteria, the current main dining room, turns into an overflow area.

Although most big-scale campus projects usually see an alumnus or two footing the bill, this renovation is solely funded through the school and, actually, its food services provider, Sodexho.

In 1999, Sodexho signed a 12-year contract with the college. A clause of the contract states Sodexho put monetary investment into the campus.

"Part of the investment was in the original construction of the campus center. There was another part of the investment where Sodexho would contribute to other upgrades on the campus," Jeff Creveling, general manager of food services, said. Included in these upgrades is this current Galbreath renovation.

President R. Thomas Williamson has adamantly pressed for the new dining hall since last spring.

"When we took a look around at the various campus dining facilities we realized that the new TUB had changed everything," Williamson said. "Clearly it was becoming the dining venue. We decided to renovate McGinness to make it a pleasant dining experience to compete against TUB fast food."

Administrative talks and negotiations over this more than three hundred thousand dollar renovation were in the works; however, blueprints and designs were finally drafted just two weeks ago.

In order to ensure proper ambience and quality, the school consulted with Springfield Restaurant owner John McKinley over the current McGinness partition. What McKinley found, says vice president of finance Ken Romig, was a room desperately in need of a facelift-with the potential of providing an excellent food venue.

Romig said he hopes the school's investment will encourage students to maximize their Titan dollars by providing them with another choice-another watering-hole besides the TUB.

Ironically, the previous home of the TUB was the McGinness dining hall.

"It's a great idea because you can get all the cookies you want in a nice setting rather than having to pay for each one separately here." Romig said.

Through working with the SGA student advisory committee and student affairs, Sodexho decided to improve the cafeteria, mainly because of the current entrance for students. Due to residence hall security, the current entrance to Galbreath at the Duff side will no longer be available for use.

Creveling said, "People coming to the dining hall won't have to enter through the Galbreath Residence Hall any longer. Instead, the entrance will be over at the McGinnis side."

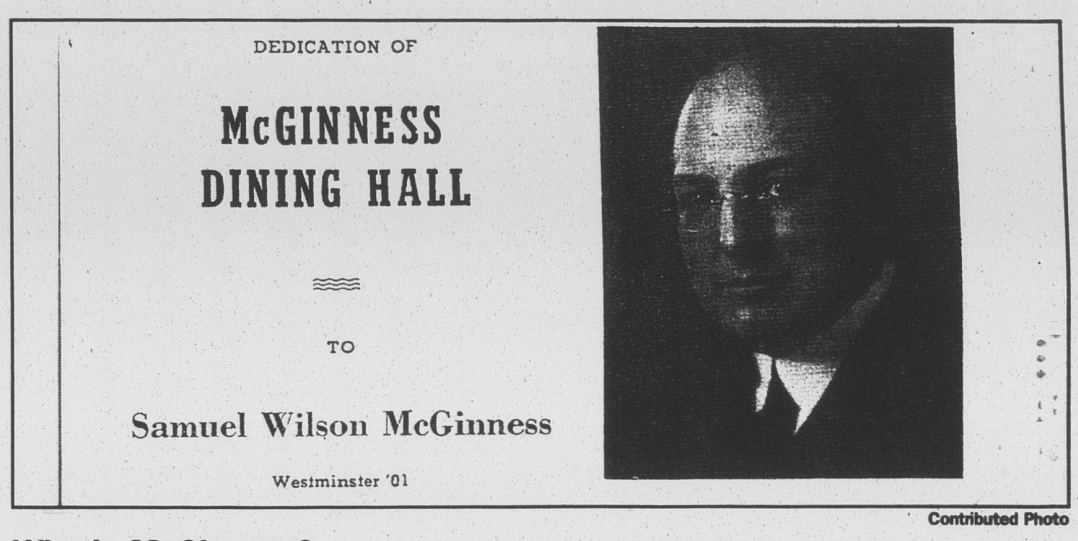
According to Creveling, it was helpful to work with the students because of their input and contributions to the renovation plan. In fact, the student advisory committee suggested that booths would be something appealing to students and Sodexho complied.

In the spring, more than 150 seats will be available for students in the McGinnis side in the form of booths, high tables and low tables.

In addition to the renovation of the eating areas, the service areas of the cafeteria will also be renovated.

When construction begins in November, the McGinness side will no longer be available for seating. Also, the food services on the McGinness side will be temporarily relocated. Until then, Sodexho looks forward to making a contribution of this nature to the campus.

When asked his opinion on the upcoming renovations, Creveling said, "We' re really looking forward to it. I think it will be a big plus for the campus."



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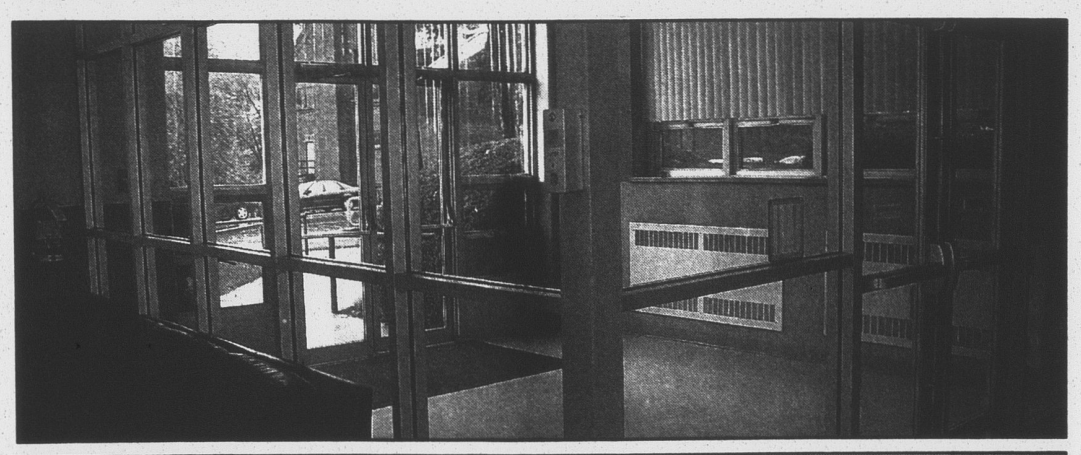
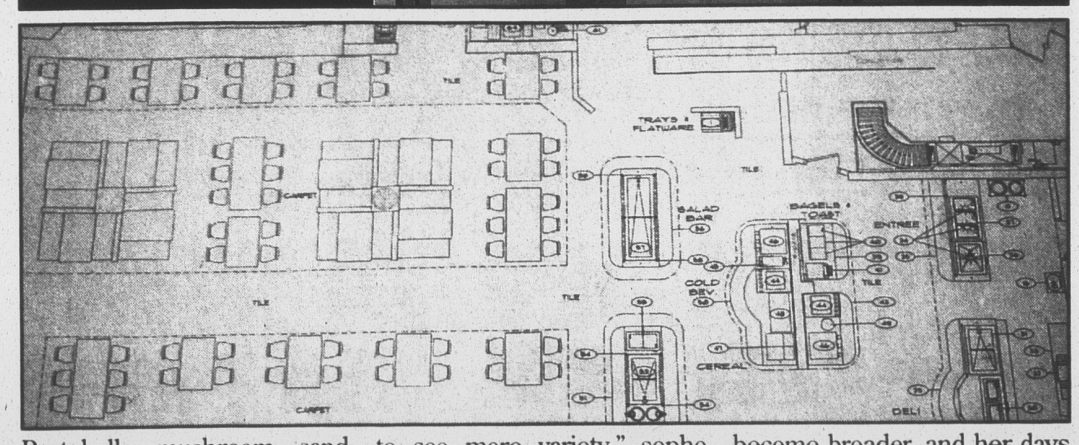
Who is McGinness?

While it is uncertain whether students plan on calling this new dining hall Galbreath or McGinness, Dewey Dewitt, school archivalist and Chemistry Professor Emeritus, tells *The Holcad* that he's uncertain if the 1901 graduate and Pittsburgh lawyer Samuel McGinness had a passion for good food and a nice dining, but one thing is for sure he did "give the school a lot of money."

Below: The new entrance facing Old 77, next to Browne Hall. Bottom: The freshly drawn blueprints unveiled this month.





Veggie Tales

Vegetarian options offered but sparse

By Sharon Englert
Campus writer

The lack of vegetarian meals on campus is leaving many students frustrated.

Although the cafeteria tries to create a menu with substance, students like junior Natalie Coccia find it difficult to find a meal that fits into their diet.

"The meals we have in the TUB are not always veggie friendly," Coccia said.

Coccia is a vegetarian. As a junior on campus, she has spent three years trying to create a vegetarian diet out of her slim choices in the TUB. She states that Galbreath also had limited, and less appetizing choices for vegetarians, and chooses not to eat in that cafeteria.

It is not unusual to walk into the TUB and find students standing in the food area with a vacant expression on their face as they decide on what their next meal will be. Even students who are not vegetarians would like to see a wider variety of vegetarian meals on the menu, and agree that it would be a lot easier to decide on something to eat if this variety were a choice.

"I eat more vegetables than anything else, and it's disappointing that [the menu doesn't] really offer much besides salads," sophomore psychology major, Cristen Chiri said.

According to Coccia, more toppings on the salads would even be more satisfying, though something like a nice Portobello mushroom sandwich would really hit the spot. Coccia states that any kind of meat, fish products, and anything cooked with meat such as sauces and soup, are out of the question. This limits the choices in the TUB. Eating the same thing everyday seems to get very old with students.

"Some days I feel as if I'm eating the same thing day after day. It's expending dine dollars, and leaving my taste buds dissatisfied. I would like to see more variety," sophomore Holly Leach said.

Although having a wider variety of vegetarian meals seems like a good idea, it would be very costly. Unlike larger campuses where there may be a larger percentage of vegetarians, meat seems to be of higher popularity on this rural campus. Coccia believes that this, as well as the campus budget, may be why there are not a lot of options. She hopes that someday soon this will all change, the menu will become broader, and her days of boring, repeat salads and wraps will be over.

Jeffrey Creveling, director of food service, says that his department is always open to new ideas.

"At Westminster, it is our goal to provide menu options that students want and need…especially when it comes to vegetarian options…I would encourage them to contact me so we can continue working on this," Creveling said.

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Humanitarian conference in the city of brotherly love

Freshman Rebecca Baily, junior Kylie Gallagher and seniors Serah Stauffer, Lauren Stang and Nawal Rajeh traveled to Philadelphia last weekend for the Amnesty International regional conference. This year's conference brought speakers such as Bill Shultz, the executive director of AI-USA, as well as many lawyers, activists and refugees who shared stories and expertise. A variety of workshops were held covering topics from human right's abuses in the war on terror, to economic, social and cultural rights. The conference brought over 200 students and several other student groups from the mid-Atlantic region.

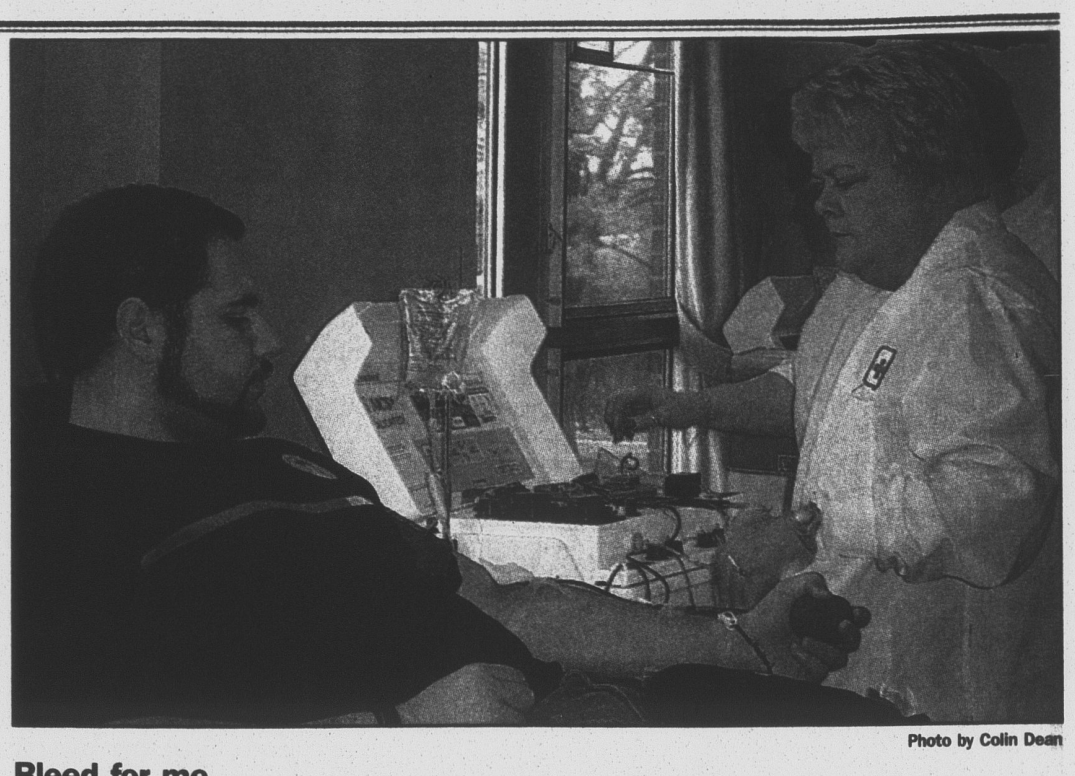
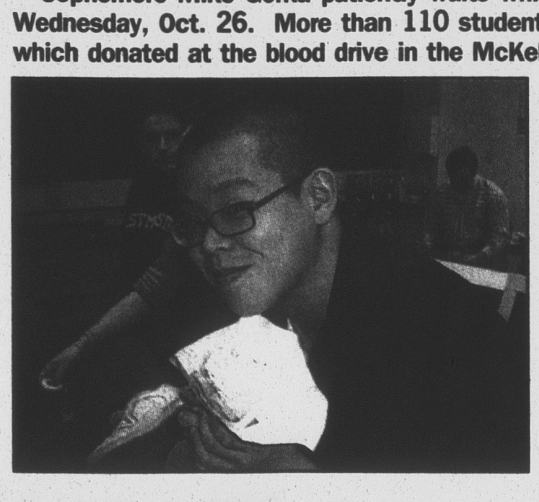
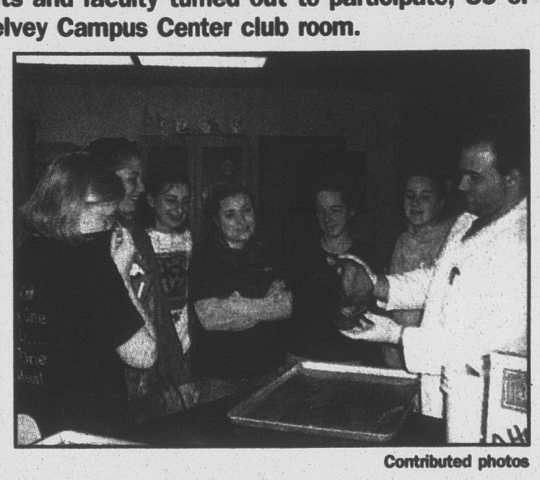


Photo by Colin Dean

Bleed for me

Sophomore Mike Gorka patiently waits while donating blood to the American Red Cross Wednesday, Oct. 26. More than 110 students and faculty turned out to participate, 89 of which donated at the blood drive in the McKelvey Campus Center club room.





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Geek Week 2005

Students from a number of departments competed in the third annual event this past week. The event is sponsored by the Hoyt science departments and planned by a number of student volunteers. The winning team will be awarded the trophy at a luncheon Oct. 28. Left: Junior biology major Peter Um holds his team's materials for an eggdrop context organized by the Physics department. Right: Seniors Erin Bartley and Erica Pavlinch, juniors Rachel Harding and Chelsea Jurzcenko and seniors Renee Friedly and Julie Dawson attempt to guess to what animal an organ held by senior Bill Penwell belongs.

Old Main

Early morning steam scare awakens campus

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paint on the radiators which had been applied by a Physical Plant Crew over the summer.

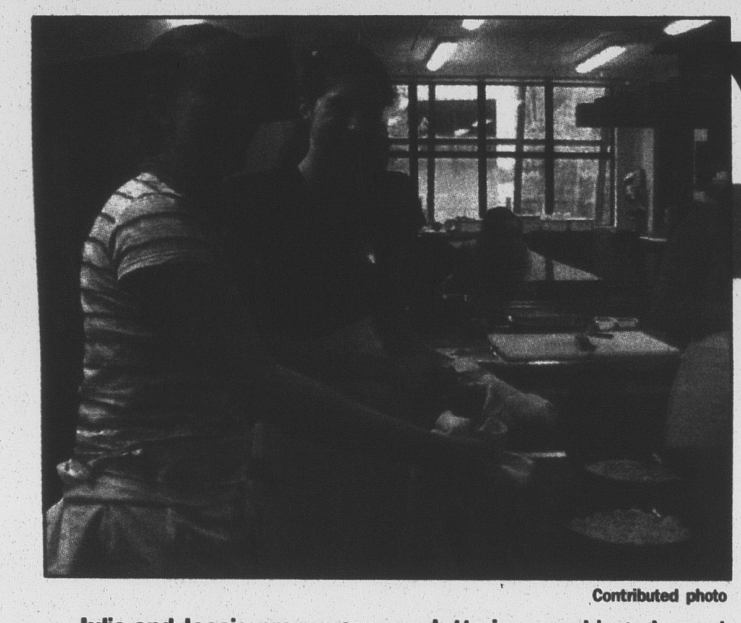
Wagner stressed that the heating system was working as appropriate. However, after Old Main's renovation over the summer, the contractors who had installed new pipes in the building to replace the old ones, which were not even mapped in the Physical Plant, had neglected to seal all of the lines, allowing some steam to escape into the building.

After the incident, the contractors were contacted. Since they were originally responsible for sealing all of the lines during the renovations, they will be returning to do so in the near future.

Miller was not the only witness to the incident, however. Sophomore Tracy Harmon had arrived early for her Educational Psychology class in Old Main Tuesday morning. When she first walked through the hall she noticed a light haze, almost like fog over the area. Five minutes later, she heard the fire trucks arrive at Old Main.

According to Harmon, she and the rest of her class weren't scared but were somewhat concerned, worrying that they would not be aware if a fire had truly broken out in Old Main.

"The firemen were only in Old Main for about twenty minutes, and... they knew what they were doing," stated Harmon. She continued, "The professors made sure people knew that there were no problems," while the firemen were in the building.



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Julia and Jessie prepare an omelette in a cooking class at the College Internation de Cannes in Cannes, France.

Voila

French Journal Logs

Julia Broskey and Jessie Dvorzak are right now studying the French language in Cannes, France at the College International de Cannes. The College has about 100 students enrolled at all times who stay between one week and one year to study the French language along with French students from Nice attending the journalism school on campus.

Our campus is incredibly small with one large main building for dorms, offices, the cafeteria, library, bar/food, TV room, computer lab, and foyer area; two buildings for classrooms, a theatre, terrace, and courtyard area. There are no campus clubs or activities here, but students often play ping pong, backgammon, volleyball, or just socialize in the courtyard or the terrace.

Also, on occasion the college sponsors various soirees with cheese, jazz, or crepes. We are only about five minutes walking distance from the heart of the city and we are in the midst of a somewhat suburban area.

The weather here is often sunny and warm (between 60 and 70 degrees most days) and the beach less than a minute's walk from our campus, although you can see the sea all the time from our campus.

The close location of the beach has also given us the opportunity to go night swimming if we please, even in the middle of a thunderstorm.

The culture here is much more relaxed in general and there is unbelievably less stress here than in the United States. At times it can feel as if we are on a bit of a holiday, with classes and homework being few and the beach being a minute walk away, but the cultural experience is priceless.

Students here have the opportunity to live with students from different cultures and nationalities and Julia had the ability to live at different times with a Japanese roommate and a French roommate both of whom speak almost solely French. There still is quite a challenge speaking French from waking to sleeping each day but it makes this experience all the more real and worthwhile.

Due to the large amount of free time and focus on experiencing the culture and speaking the language, we have had a lot of time to travel. The group we are with (American Institute for Foreign Studies) organizes several day trips along with a handful of weekend trips.

We have visited a perfumery in Grasse, gambled in Monte Carlo, visited Cezzane's house in Aix-en-Provence, saw Pont du Gard, and ate Swiss Fondue. The scenery in Europe is absolutely breathtaking: the massive glaciers on the Swiss alps, the vineyards in provincial countryside, the bright blue Mediterranean sea, and the grand ancient cathedrals. We have really benefited from the relaxed atmosphere and traveled quite a bit in France, Germany, and England; although our travels will be taking us elsewhere in Europe also.

All of our courses are completely in French and we are requited to speak only French in all our courses. Everyone on our campus who is foreign has three hours of language intensive class each morning where we have grammar, culture, and speaking lessons.

In the afternoon there are various courses offered in French and English.

Julia takes French Society which is simply lecture on different elements of French society.

Jessie is attending a hands-on sculpture class outside of campus where she uses her clay to sculpte a replica of a model. We are in the midst of preparing for a play for our theatre class. This course is solely for the production of a play which our director (also the director of the college) writes each year. Each student is given lines and a specific role for the show and there are multiple practices each week. We are performing in one week for not only our campus but also for those in the community of Cannes who would like to come and watch.

Lastly, we have the opportunity to weekly attend a cuisine class with a French chef. With our classmates, we prepare a three course dinner and then eat all the scrumptious food we just prepared from scratch. Some of our favorite dishes have been: quiche, lemon flavored breaded fish, crepes, apple tarts, and bananas en flambé with pears, homemade vanilla ice cream and chocolate sauce.

One of the best parts of our studying abroad experience has been the amazing food. Our cafeteria serves every meal family style in a large dining room with six to a table. Each meal begins with a salad bar and often many different kinds of fresh cheeses. The dishes commonly consist of meat or fish, potatoes and vegetables, and topped off with a wonderful dessert. Some of our favorite desserts have been tarts (usually with fresh fruit on top), éclairs, Créme Brule, and profiteroles (fried dough balls with ice cream in the center and warm chocolate sauce poured on them).

Studying abroad in general has been such a worthwhile experience for both of us. We have loved the new culture and opportunity to become friends with people from all over the world.

Jessie and Julia have been living in dorms on campus and we love the experience of living with people from all around the world, although we also think living with a French family would be an incredibly rich experience. The slight problem is that most people speak English so it can be very easy for us to slip back into our maternal tongue. We only have about six weeks left in France and we hope to soak in the sun on the beach a bit more before returning to the coldness of Westminster. Over all, we recommend studying abroad to everyone simply for the irreplaceable cultural experience. Although, right now it's time for the beach, we'll see you all in December.

Log by Julia Broskey and Jessie Dvorzak

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Friday

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High		52	64	66	58
Low		38	42	42	42
	Chilly with sunny spells	Sunshine; nice in the p.m.	Sunshine and pleasant	Partly sunny	A couple of showers possible

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High	58	52			
Low	38	34			
	Chance of a shower	Times of clouds and sun			

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:48 a.m.	6:22 p.m.
Saturday	7:49 a.m.	6:21 p.m.
Sunday	6:50 a.m.	5:19 p.m.
Monday	6:51 a.m.	5:18 p.m.
Tuesday	6:52 a.m.	5:17 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	3:09 a.m.	4:33 p.m.
Saturday	4:11 a.m.	4:52 p.m.
Sunday	4:13 a.m.	4:11 p.m.
Monday	5:17 a.m.	4:32 p.m.
Tuesday	6:24 a.m.	4:56 p.m.

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Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 23

Weather History

Extreme weather was common in 1936. On Oct. 28, the mercury sank to 9 degrees in Layton, N.J., the state's record low for October.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	48	33	pc	52	38	s	66	42	s	65	41	sh	57	42	sh
Butler, PA	48	31	pc	53	38	pc	64	42	s	64	42	pc	58	44	sh
Cambridge, OH	51	32	pc	54	35	s	62	39	s	69	42	pc	61	42	sh
Canton, OH	48	33	pc	52	37	s	65	41	s	66	42	pc	58	42	sh
Cincinnati, OH	56	34	s	60	40	s	66	46	s	64	46	pc	58	44	sh
Clarion, PA	44	31	r	48	36	pc	63	40	s	61	40	pc	58	43	sh
Clarksburg, WV	51	31	pc	50	34	pc	62	38	s	68	41	pc	62	43	sh
Cleveland, OH	50	34	c	54	40	s	61	45	s	64	44	sh	56	44	sh
Columbus, OH	54	35	s	57	39	s	66	43	s	64	44	pc	60	44	sh
Cumberland, MD	48	34	pc	49	39	pc	65	44	s	66	43	pc	62	44	sh
Erie, PA	46	36	sh	51	40	s	59	44	s	61	46	sh	57	48	sh
Franklin, PA	44	30	pc	48	37	pc	65	41	s	61	41	pc	57	43	sh
Greensburg, PA	49	35	pc	50	39	pc	66	43	s	65	45	pc	62	46	sh
Greenville, PA	47	32	pc	50	39	s	63	42	s	63	41	pc	57	43	sh
Grove City, PA	46	31	pc	50	37	pc	64	41	s	63	42	pc	58	44	sh
Hagerstown, MD	49	35	c	51	35	pc	64	40	s	66	44	s	64	44	sh
Indiana, PA	48	35	pc	48	37	pc	64	43	s	65	44	pc	65	46	sh
Jamestown, NY	42	32	sh	46	39	pc	59	40	s	60	42	pc	53	43	sh
Kittanning, PA	48	34	pc	51	38	pc	65	43	s	65	43	pc	62	46	sh
Lisbon, OH	48	34	pc	52	39	s	66	42	s	65	43	pc	59	43	sh
Mansfield, OH	55	33	pc	54	39	s	65	43	s	65	42	sh	57	41	sh
Marietta, OH	52	32	pc	55	36	s	66	41	s	68	42	pc	64	44	sh
McKeesport, PA	48	35	pc	50	37	pc	67	43	s	65	45	pc	60	46	sh
Meadville, PA	44	32	pc	49	38	s	60	42	s	60	42	pc	55	44	sh
Morgantown, WV	48	34	pc	52	37	pc	66	43	s	70	46	pc	62	45	sh
New Castle, PA	47	33	pc	52	38	s	65	43	s	66	43	pc	59	44	sh
Oil City, PA	45	31	pc	49	38	pc	65	41	s	62	42	pc	58	44	sh
Pittsburgh, PA	48	32	pc	54	36	s	66	40	s	68	44	pc	60	42	sh
Sharon, PA	46	32	pc	51	39	s	64	42	s	64	41	pc	58	43	sh
Somerset, PA	42	31	pc	42	38	pc	59	44	s	61	41	pc	57	42	sh
Steubenville, OH	48	33	pc	50	38	s	65	43	s	67	44	pc	60	43	sh
Uniontown, PA	49	32	pc	51	34	pc	64	41	s	69	43	pc	62	43	sh
Warren, OH	47	33	pc	51	39	s	65	42	s	64	42	pc	59	43	sh
Washington, PA	48	29	pc	50	33	s	60	37	s	66	40	pc	62	40	sh
Waynesburg, PA	49	32	pc	50	34	s	62	40	s	68	42	pc	62	42	sh
Wheeling, WV	49	32	pc	51	39	s	64	43	s	67	45	pc	60	44	sh
Youngstown, OH	46	33	pc	50	39	s	65	42	s	64	41	pc	59	43	sh
Wooster, OH	51	32	pc	53	35	s	64	39	s	65	41	sh	56	41	sh
Zanesville, OH	53	32	pc	56	35	s	63	40	s	69	42	pc	62	42	sh

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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Sports

Tomcats rout Titans

By Steve Brink
Staff Writer

The nationally ranked Thiel Tomcats rolled into New Wilmington Saturday with a perfect 4-0-conference mark. Three hours and thirty-four points later, they left one step closer to their 1st outright PAC championship since 1972.

Thiel controlled all three phases of the game from start to finish. But one area they really dominated was defending the run. As a team, Westminster ran the ball twenty-five times for negative three yards, which equals out to –0.1 yards per rushing attempt. Thiel's defense held last week's Player of the Week, Sean Buggey, to just six yards on nine carries.

Despite the lopsided loss, there were a couple bright spots for Westminster. J.R. Barley had another solid game by completing 14 of his 22 attempts for 103 yards. The key stat for Barley though, was zero interceptions. Defensive lineman Ryan Chmura was a disruptive force yet again, as he had 12 tackles, three of which went for a loss. And the Titan defense limited the conference's leading rusher, Steven Minton, to just 61 yards on nineteen carries.

One person the Titans couldn't stop though, was wide receiver Brandon Chambers. Chambers had a huge day as he caught nine passes for 140 yards and three scores, which was good enough to earn him PAC Offensive Player of the Week honors. The senior from Farrell High School got the scoring started, as Thiel quarterback Darrell Satterfield connected with Chambers on a 24-yard touchdown strike late in the 1st quarter to give the Tomcats the early lead.

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The Tomcats answered immediately. Three plays later, Satterfield threw one up for wide receiver Mark LaScoloa who brought it in and raced 78 yards to the end zone. On the next Thiel drive, Satterfield once again connected with Chambers, finding the wideout for another touchdown catch, this time for 25 yards.

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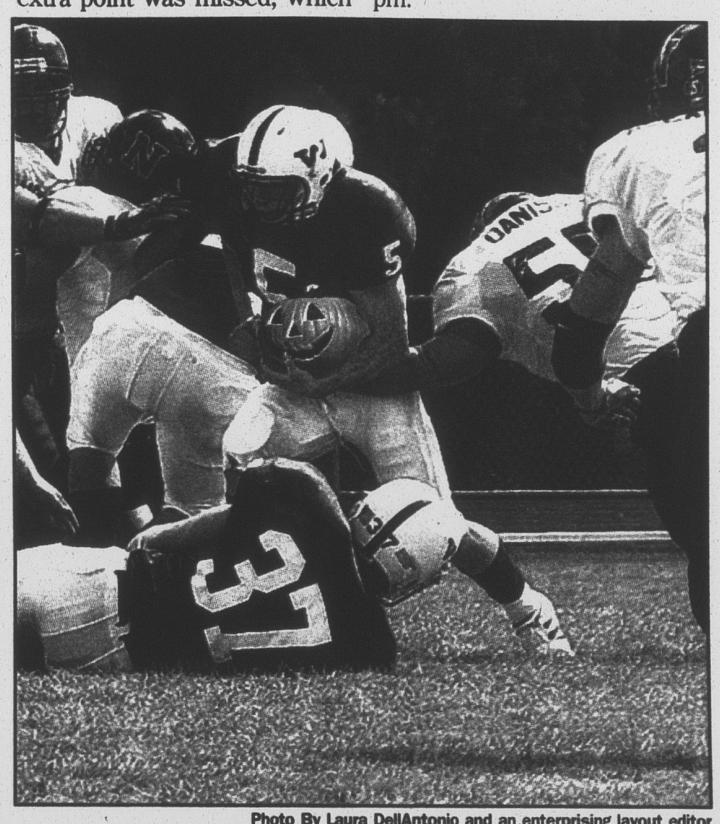

Photo By Laura DellAntonio and an enterprising layout editor

Not even the headless horseman could save the Titans from the claws of the Tomcats. The Tomcats pounced on the men, scratching themselves to a 34-0 victory.

Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

The Titan Roundtable

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to surround yourself with greatness? My own lack of the aforementioned is the single driving force behind my column.

These Titan athletes have distinguished themselves this season by not only providing outstanding leadership, but also by having career seasons.

If I was to venture out to dinner with some of the fall's finest Titan athletes, chosen based on their accomplishments this season, here are my picks:

Mallory Bugel *(Women's Soccer)* – This sophomore has made quite a name for herself around the PAC, posting 18 goals and 8 assists, totaling a PAC best 44 points.

Whitney Griffin *(Women's Soccer)* – Griffin has been a force in goal for the Lady Titans (14-4, 9-1). Griffin has an 11-3 record, a .898 goal's against average, and has blanked the opposition 10 times.

Blake Ordell *(Men's Soccer)* – Ordell leads the men's soccer team in goals with nine. The Titans (8-9, 4-6) have impressed the competition in what was expected to be a rebuilding year.

Sean Buggey *(Football)* – The Titan running back has carried 144 times for 643 yards, including five TD's. Buggey has also thrown for a pair of scores.

Ryan Chmura *(Football)* – Chmura has anchored the Titans' defensive line with 45.5 tackles, 11.5 tackles-for-loss, and 2.5 sacks. Numbers like that are unheard of from the nose guard position.

Jerry Bonenberger *(Football)* – After missing the 2004 season due to injury, Bonenberger has put up incredible numbers: 45.5 tackles (tied for the team lead with Chmura), 5 tackles-for-loss, as well as one interception.

Amy Carroll *(Women's Cross Country)* – Carroll finished ninth at the Bethany College Invitational with a time of 28:01.2. She later shaved seconds off of that time to finish 30th at the Waynesburg Invitational with a time of 28:00.

Editor's Note: I haven't spend 28 minutes running in my entire life.

Erin Hinks *(Volleyball)* – Hinks has lead the volleyball squad to a 17-14 overall record, while amassing a mark of 5-4 in the conference. She leads the team with 371 kills, averaging 3.47 per game.

Andrea Pastorius *(Women's Tennis)* – Andrea helped the Lady Titans finish fourth in the conference, while posting an impressive record of 9-7 in singles matches.

To clarify, these athletes are my choice for a "mock-dinner" to celebrate the accomplishments of the finest Titan athletes of the fall.

I've based my decision solely on performance and impact on their respective teams.

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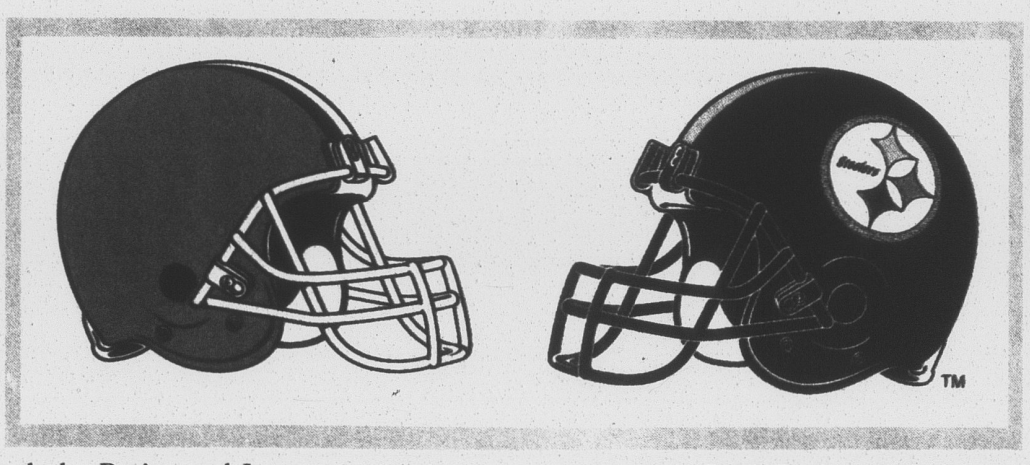
Browns and Steelers ready for season

By Tom Heath
Staff Writer



The Pittsburgh Steelers are back this season just about where they left off last year. After a disappointing loss, the Steelers are back to reality as well as back to work. Ending the regular season with one loss last year, this year everyone has been gunning for the black and gold already. Ben Roethlisberger is no longer under the radar and is able to get the job done. Even though his streak consecutive regular season wins is over, he is a proven NFL quarterback now, I think more dangerous with experience and confidence under his belt.

What will come of Pittsburgh this year? Well, there are a few things that I see happening. Pittsburgh had disappointing home losses to both the Patriots and Jaguars, things I feel are looking up for the team. The only game on the rest of the schedule that I see giving Pittsburgh problems are the Colts. The Bears, Bengals, Lions and Ravens along with the Vikings pose no real threat to their playoff hopes considering everyone stays healthy. The Browns may also prove challenging. They have progressively improved last season and not playing each other until November 13th and then on December 24th, anything can happen until that game.

Moving onto the Browns, they are without a doubt a new team with a new attitude. After last years' fiasco with Butch Davis resigning towards the end of the season and an interim coach in place, things are much different. With Romeo Crennel in place, Cleveland is a different place. Cleveland is finally getting their act together though new players like Trent Dilfer, Gary Baxter and Ruben Droughns who have all contributed instantly. However, at the same time, it will take some time I think for them to be playoff contenders. The issue here is keeping the team together.

What does the rest of the season have in store for the Browns? One thing is for sure, they will without a doubt have more than 4 wins. It will however be an uphill battle. Gary Baxter who had an impact on the defensive secondary is out for the season with a torn pectoral muscle. Along with injuries, the rest of the schedule is by no means a cake walk. The Steelers, Bengals, Raiders and Jaguars will all be a challenge. After this season however, Cleveland with a new staff and management that is willing to spend money on players, look for the Browns to threaten AFC Central foes for the crown.

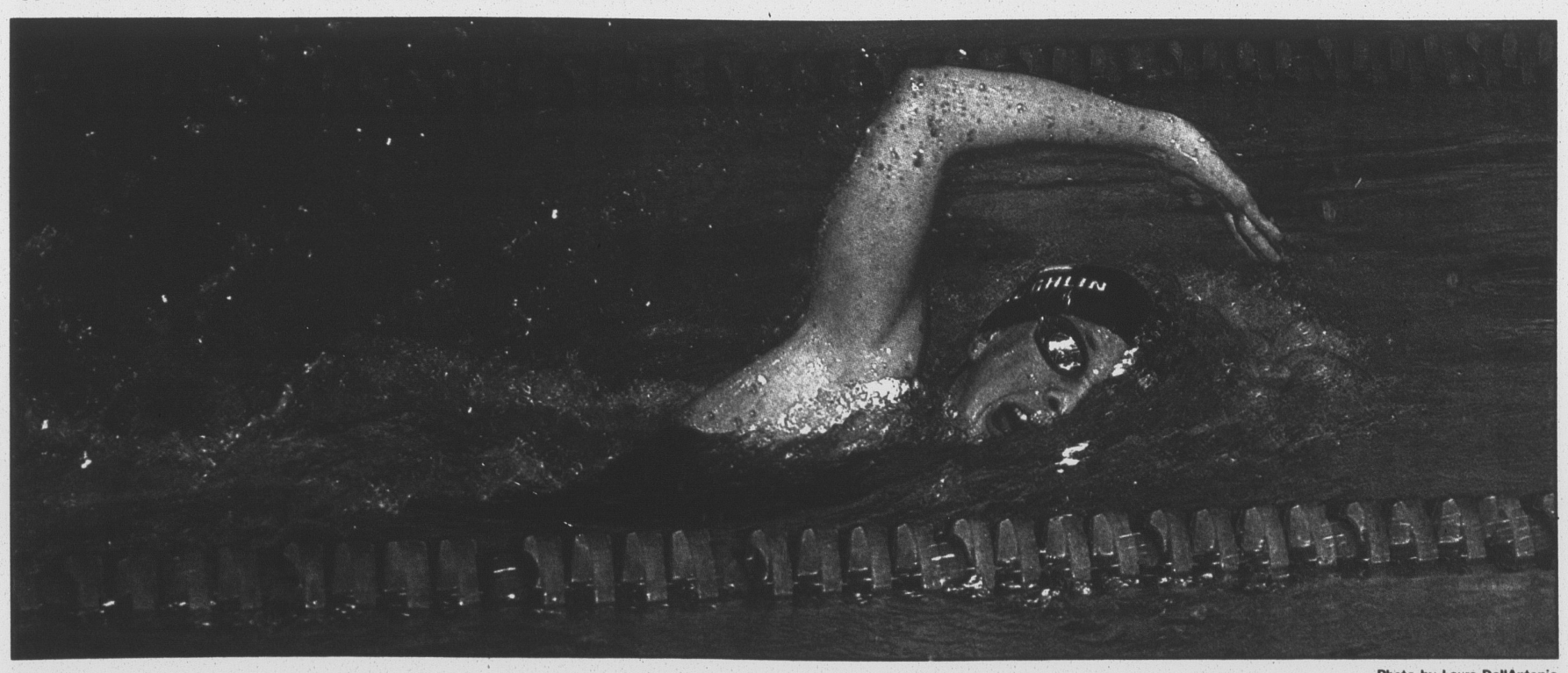


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Crawling to victory

Junior Megan McLaughlin swims freestyle and backstroke. Titan swimming opens its 2005-06 home schedule on Oct. 28, as the Titans and Lady Titans host the Westminster Relay Carnival in the Natatorium at 6 p.m.

A&E Arts & Entertainment

Wallace and Gromit
'Claymation' movie pleases the masses

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

I had a fairly easy time deciding on what to review for the Halloween edition of the *Holcad*. My choices of Halloween-theme movies out right now are *The Fog, Saw II,* and the animated film *Wallace and Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit*. Just as a personal preference, I will almost always choose comedy over horror. Feel free to see the other two, but I think *The Fog* would be the better choice since the first *Saw* movie didn't leave me with much desire for a sequel.

Anyways, if you are a *Wallace and Gromit f*an, then you are definitely in for a treat. If you have never seen the short films, then you are still in for an enjoyable hour and a half. I was already happy before the film started because there was a short film after the previews. If you have seen *Madagascar*, then you're familiar with the crazy antics of the penguins in the film. This short film is about celebrating Christmas at Central Park Zoo. It's funny, (one of the penguins bongs eggnog), and full of caper-style scenarios. It's a lot better than a Diet Coke commercial for sure.

Okay, back to the movie. Wallace (Peter Sallis) is the somewhat frumpy inventor while Gromit is the loyal, intelligent dog who never speaks. However, he doesn't need to talk because he portrays his emotions through his amusing expressions. The film starts with Wallace and Gromit in a successful business, Anti-Pesto. Since the people of the town are obsessed with their garden (the Giant Vegetable Competition is coming up), Wallace and Gromit catch and trap those darn rabbits that eat the vegetables.

They prefer this "humane" method of pest-removal, but they find themselves in a difficult position because their house is filled to the brim with rabbits. Their worries soon shift when a giant "were-rabbit" begins terrorizing the town by eating mass amounts of vegetables and destroying all the gardens. The hostess of the vegetable competition, Lady Tottington (Helena Bonham Carter), hires Wallace and Gromit to catch the rabbit by their humane methods. Wallace is more than happy to oblige, given that he is taken with Lady Tottington. However, their attempts prove futile and Tottington is forced to let her sleazy admirer, Victor Quartermaine (Ralph Fiennes), take over the hunt. Victor is determined to kill the rabbit and win Lady Tottington over so he can marry her and take advantage of her money.

I won't say any more for risk of spoiling the rest of the plot, but the last part of the movie is full of hilarious chases and interesting turns. Overall, the film is hilarious and charming in its simple sweetness. While it certainly is entertaining for children, like most children's movies, it contains some funny and risqué adult humor. This is the type of film that will put you in a good mood no matter how many midterms you failed that day. Have a happy Halloween, and make sure to make some time to see this charming and funny film.

Rating: B+

Contributed Photo

Wallace and Gromit, the claymation comedy duo.

Sherri is a junior English major with a film studies minor. Sherri is known to be gruff until she's had her daily caffeine fix. Of course, after the gruffness clears, she'll never stop yammering in your ear.

Say "Cello" to orchestra

By Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

Photo by Natalie Coccia

Sophomore music education major Clark Young plays the bass during an orchestra rehearsal.

The campus is very fortunate to have an orchestration group and I think it is one of the college's best kept secrets.

As a member myself, I know we put a lot of effort and dedication into the music.

Nevertheless, I question why our orchestra is so unpublicized. This year, Mr. Jonathan Moser has taken the position as a substitute director for the next two semesters.

Moser created a new concert agenda and in some ways designed an entire different outlook on music for the group. The orchestra has their first concert of the school year today at 7:30 p.m. and are very excited to present the music they have worked so meticulously on.

This past summer, Moser applied for the position as substitute director after the newly hired director declined the position. He plans on applying for the permanent position as director next year.

Moser is an undergraduate of Shenandoah College in Winchester Virginia and received his masters at Arizona State College. He studied violin since the age of five and played viola for 15 years. He teaches four students here and five Grove City students.

To add to Moser's busy agenda, he is the music director of the Providence Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. In addition, he plays in an Erie based orchestra and is a substitute for the Wheeling Symphony.

This year, the orchestra is doing something out of the ordinary. They are playing two concerts a semester instead of one per semester.

Moser said, "This is a big step, performing a large symphony in two months instead of four."

Students have expressed their favor towards the new agenda and believe it benefits the group. "We are doing a lot better than last year because we now focus primarily on two pieces instead of five at one time," said sophomore flute player Amber Kunder.

Today's concert features a piece by Maurice Ravel titled *Pavane Pour Une Infante Defunte*. The English translation of the title is Pavane for a Dead Princess. It represents the elegance of a princess moving through the slow processional dance of a reception at a Spanish court. This type of dance was popular in the European courts during the 16th and 17th centuries. Moser plans to unify each concert by incorporating a piece by Ravel.

Next spring, the group will play a selection by the composer that shows off each instrument in the orchestra.

Also, the orchestra will perform a symphony by Howard Hanson called *Romantic*. The piece has three movements that incorporate a steady rhythmic pizzacato of the strings to a very melodic slow moving section. Moser intends the romantic theme of the Hansen to introduce the audience to 20th century music in a traditional way that shows the tonal and rhythmic elements of the era..

Moser said he is very pleased with the way this semester went so far and thinks the orchestra shows a lot of dedication and interest in improving themselves as a group. "I am very excited where it is heading," he said. The new director is not the only one excited in the "reformation" of the group. Fellow orchestra members agree that there have been many improvements not only with the concert schedule, but the way Moser conducts his rehearsals.

Sophomore bass player Clark Young has played the bass for nine years and believes the orchestra improved already. "We are playing better music and are more meticulous about learning the hard parts and playing to our full potential," said Clark.

I have played the viola since the fourth grade and find that orchestra is not only a learning experience, but a way to have fun and relax. I expect us to perform at a new higher level with the help of the new director. The next concert is on December fourth and will feature recognizable Christmas music and also the *Messiah*.

Oct. 28 is the first concert of the semester and Westminster College orchestra invites you to say "cello" that evening.

Gallo's Italian Villa
Leah dishes out a saucy review

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

"When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie, that's amore." Now this is the area where I can speak on a professional level - Italian food. And my favorite place to go for it is Gallo's Italian Villa on Route 18 in New Castle across the street from El Canelo and next to McDonald's.

The atmosphere in Gallo's is very warm and cozy, decorated with pictures of Italy painted right on the wall. You can sit in either the main dining room or the "Garden Room." The menu includes appetizers, salads and soups, sandwiches, pastas and pizzas. Next to the "Garden Room" is a café section serving an array of desserts and Starbucks coffee.

Let's start with an appetizer. My personal favorite is the stuffed banana peppers, with a homemade stuffing made from sausage, bread and cheese. There are stuffed mushroom caps, provolone sticks, garlic bread, garlic bread sticks, roasted red peppers and wings. They have wedding soup daily and a soup of the day that varies from tomato florentine, chicken pastina, pasta fagioli and cheddar broccoli.

All pastas include salad and bread. I honestly don't know if I even have a favorite dish–everything is just too good! I really enjoy the cavatelli and ravioli. The dish I typically order is called pasta á la genovese, which is penne pasta with chicken and olives in a pesto sauce. When I'm feeling sinful, I order the chicken tortellini alfredo. Not the lowest in calories, but by far the tastiest!

When you order a sandwich, you have the choice of a half (6 inch) or whole (12 inch). There are about 15 different kinds of sandwiches to choose from, and every time I go there, a new one is offered. Some include meatball, veggie, hot Italian, chicken parmesan, chicken pesto, buffalo chicken, eggplant parmesan,and roasted red pepper.

Last but not least - pizza! You can order your own with any toppings you want, or you can get a specialty pizza. Some of these pizzas are ciao bella (no sauce, with oil, basil and tomatoes), amore roma (meat pizza), les gardeaux (veggie pizza), pin o'las (pesto pizza), Mexican, aloha, and via bianca (oil and Swiss cheese). Pizzas come in sizes small (4 slices), medium (8 slices), large (10 slices) and extra large (12 slices).

Between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on weekdays, you can receive lunch specials. Combinations can be light or hearty. Soup and salad or a bruschetta are only $2.95; a small portion of spaghetti/rigatoni with bread and salad is only $3.95. A half sandwich with fries is also $3.95. All combinations range from $2.95 to $4.95. You pay more for a lunch on campus!

Not only is there fine dining, but there are also banquet facilities. One room holds up to 80 people and the other 150. This would be great for date parties with a dance floor and room for a DJ. Gallo's does not have a liquor license, but you may bring your own alcohol with you to the restaurant.

When you go in to eat make sure to tell the owner, Phil, that Leah sent you!

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

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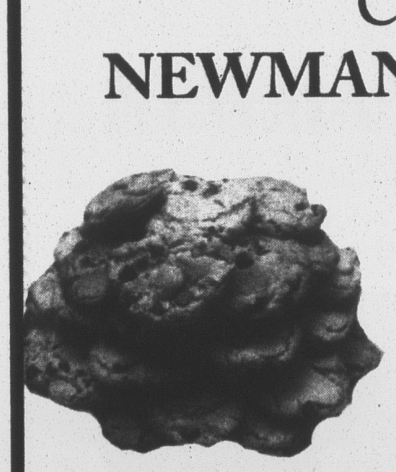

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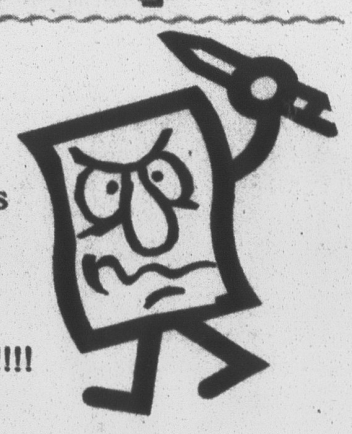

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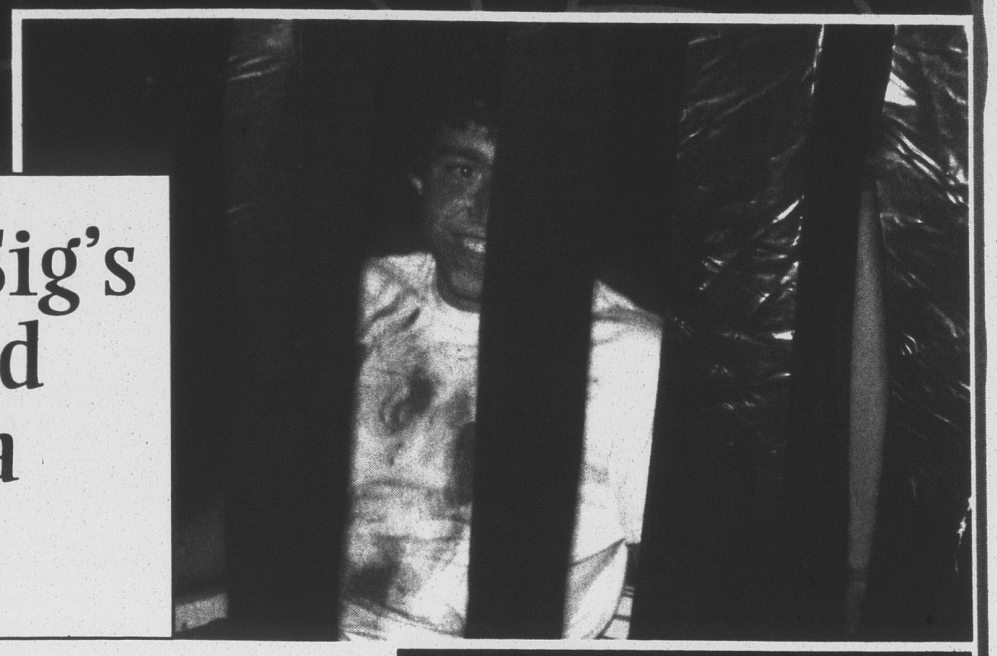
Alpha Sig's Haunted House a Scream



By Allison Houser
Campus writer

Screams, terror, and laughter have all been found this week at Alpha Sigma Phi's annual haunted house.

The haunted house began on Wednesday, Oct. 26, and ends tonight, Friday, Oct. 28. It lasts from 7 to 9 pm. The cost is $3 per person, plus donations. All proceeds benefit the New Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department, the fraternity's philanthropy. Last year the brothers made $450 for the firemen at the haunted house, and they hope to top that this year.

"We just want to make as much as we can," said junior Josh Zapf, president of Alpha Sigma Phi.

The brothers also hope to give back to the community.

"We always have a good turn out from the high school and the surrounding community, from kids and adults alike," said William Rosengarth, a junior. "It's fun for all involved."

Visitors to the haunted house start on the top floor. Then they are escorted around the house, visiting all the brothers' rooms. The brothers who live in the house decorate their rooms with their own unique style and theme. During the haunted house, each room is manned by a few brothers. The visitors end in the basement.

"They (the visitors) are brought into each room, where they are left with the tortured souls inside," said Rosengarth.

Ashley Carnahan, a freshman, visited the haunted house on Wednesday evening.

"It was so much fun. The brothers did a really good job, and it was put together very well," said Carnahan.

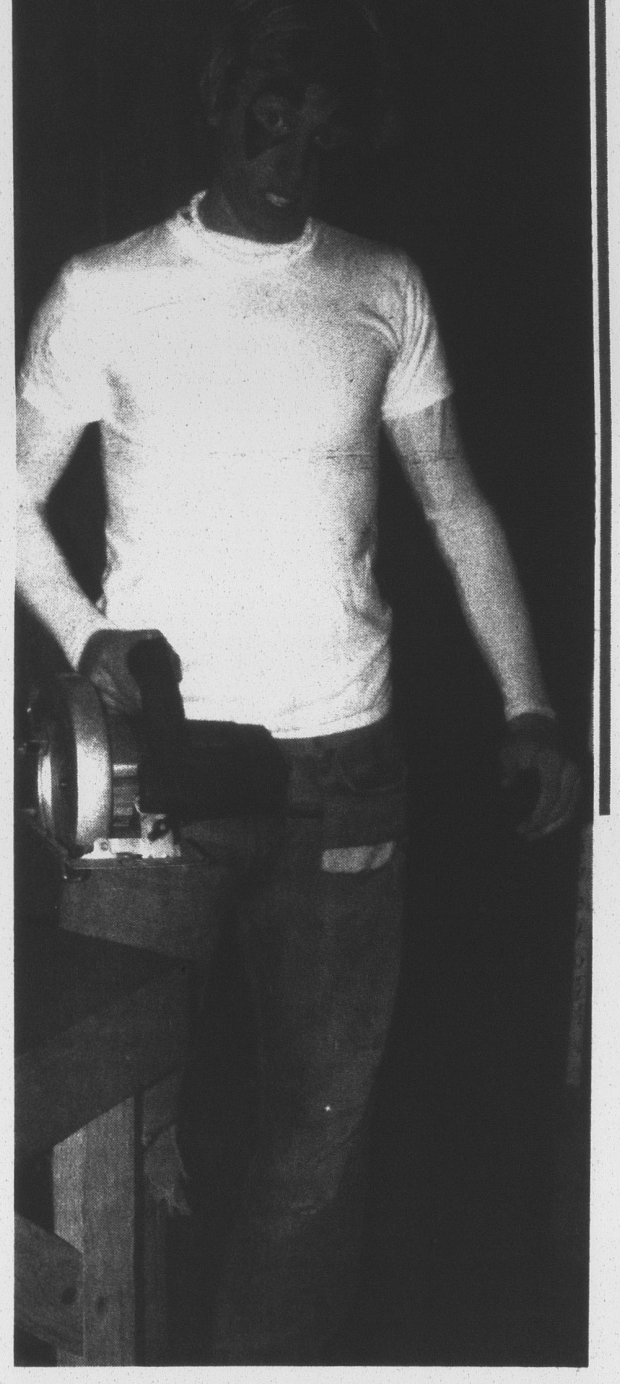
The brothers used to use a fog machine to create a more eerie effect, but one year the fog set off a fire alarm. Now they don't use fog machines or strobe lights.

The haunted house is always changing, but the brothers are not planning any extreme surprises for their visitors.

"It's always different. Nothing stays the same. The brothers come up with some pretty ridiculous things," said Zapf.

The brothers hope to scare people and make sure their guests have fun coming through the house.

"We'll get at least one good scare," said Zapf.



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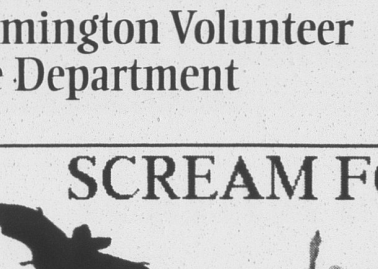

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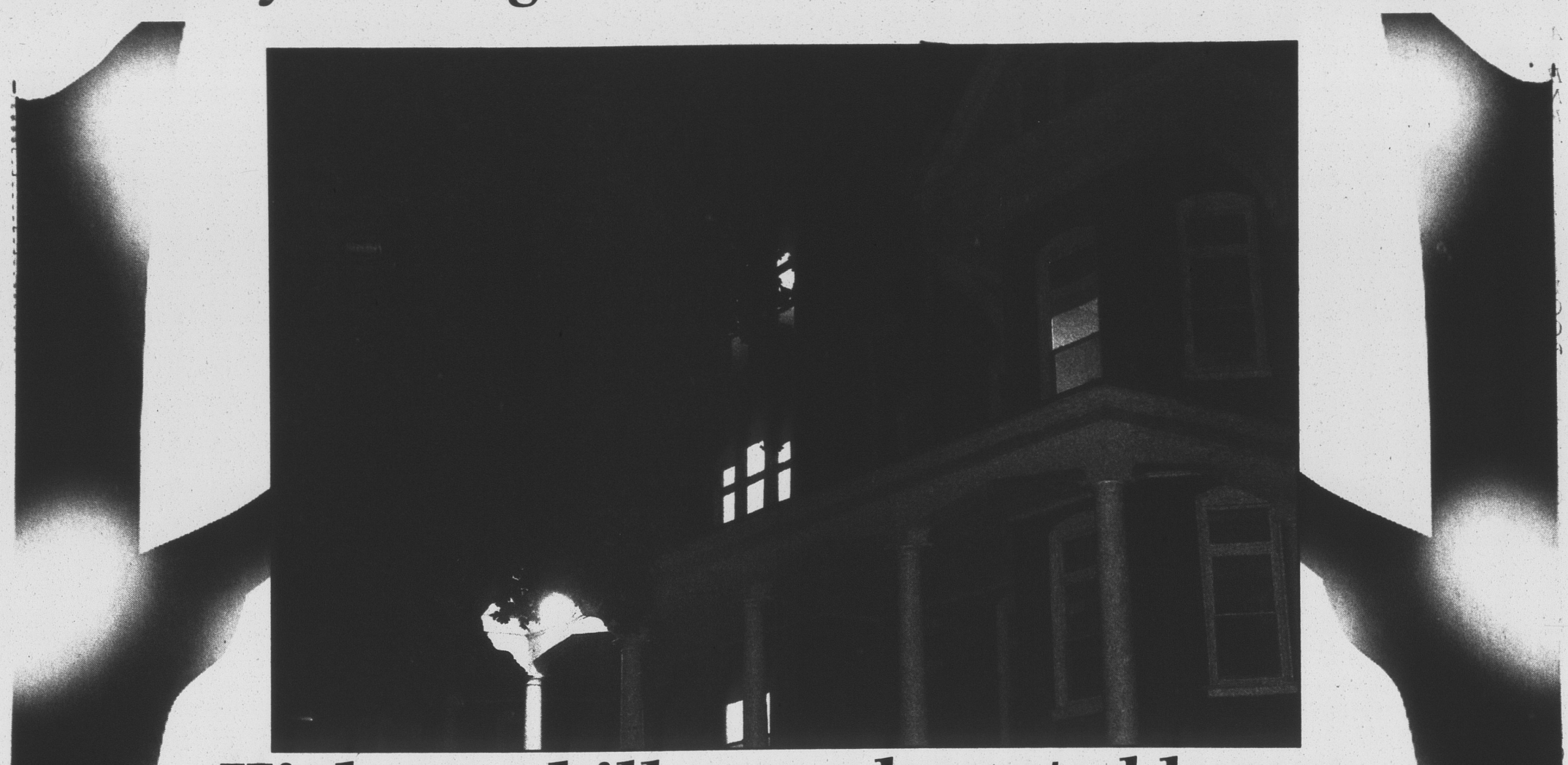

High on a hill was a haunted house

Hillside dormitory is even listed online as one of the scariest haunts

By Mary Leonetti
Staff Writer

Spooky happenings keep students alert for paranormal in Hillside

Imagine walking down a long dark corridor in the middle of the night, and hearing or seeing something that should not be there. The ghost of Hillside has been known to roam the halls and give a little fright to the girls living there.

The ghost has supposedly been roaming the halls since before the building became a dormitory. It was a mansion long before Westminster was established. Stories tell of a girl by the name of "Betsy," who had been murdered there and since then has roamed the halls. The college was built in the 1800s and there have been stories of phenomenon happening ever since.

"I definitely believe in ghosts and I know there's something weird in Hillside... just living here makes me realize it," sophomore Tabitha Kupec said.

Kupec also said that she has not had any personal experiences but she said her door randomly opens and shuts in the middle of the night and she has even seen her great-uncle that passed away last year standing in the doorway.

Others are skeptics about the ghost and wonder if it is really there or not. One student believes that it is more of a story than anything.

"I don't think the ghost is real," sophomore Clarissa Hunter said. "I have never seen Betsy but if I do see her it might be a different story. I think that people hear the stories and then when girls move into here they are already worked up therefore making themselves more prone to 'seeing Betsy'."

Hunter added that someone supposedly saw the ghost in the annex about two weeks after students moved in but nothing happened. She has not heard of anyone seeing it since. If something would happen this year, Hunter believes that she may be waiting until Halloween.

In the past, witnesses have reported strange happenings. These things include opening and closing of doors, locked doors, lights turning on and off, things being knocked over and put back up right in front of their eyes, music being played from computers when no one are around them, and strange typing noises from various computers in the rooms.

"I have heard that students have heard footsteps over the fourth floor," sophomore Jackie Welsh said. "I've also been told that alarm clock and stereo systems are randomly found turned on when no one had been in the room at all."

http://theshadowlands.net/places/pennsylvania.htm is a website that specifically showcases Hillside on its page.

No bones about it

College owned a dear skeleton buried right under our feet

By Chip Hothem
Staff Writer

Perhaps one has seen movies where an eerie skeleton has been buried beneath a building's foundation. Well at least the college's students reside in the safety of New Wilmington in Amish country where such creepy affairs do not occur-right?

The *New Castle News* published an article on March 4, 1937 concerning a skeleton, owned by the college's biology department and affectionately called "Old Bones," which, at the time, was missing.

"Rumor stated that the skeleton had been reburied on the spot where Westminster's new $135,000 McGill memorial library is to be build, so that it would be found when steam shovels started excavating," reads the 68 year old article. "Two days of steam shoveling, however, have failed to disclose Old Bones."

Old Bones' home, a heavy oak cabinet, turned up in the parlor of the Phi Pi Phi house, a now deactivated fraternity. The brothers claimed they had no knowledge of the situation and that they suspected another fraternity's meddling and framing.

Valued at $100 "in his natural state" Old Bones would have proved a valuable investment in 1937 and since then has yet to be revealed.

"I worked in the basement of the library for months, and I had no idea that there could be a dead person under me," said Steven Kokal, a former library employee. "It was creepy enough to begin with...possible dead guy not withstanding."

"Rumors are bound," said skeptical college archivist, Dewey DeWitt. "But if it happened someone would have probably fess up to it by now."

"Whether the rumors are true or not, I don't know," commented Dwight Copper, head of the library's periodicals department. "But I like the idea of company when the library gets lonely."

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October 28, 2005

Geek Week Luncheon and Award Ceremony

Alpha Sigma Phi's Annual Haunted House (Benefit for New Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department) – Alpha Sig House on Waugh Avenue

Zeta Tau Alpha's Pink Out Day (Breast Cancer Awareness)

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Josten's Ring Days – MCC TUB

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

6:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming Teams Host Westminster Relay Carnival (H)

7:00 PM - 2:00 AM Rotaract Dance-a-Thon – MCC Club/Lounge

7:00 PM Volleyball vs. Grove City (H)

7:30 PM Concert: Westminster Orchestra – Orr Auditorium

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: House of Wax – MCC Mueller Theater

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Titan's Tavern – MCC Club/Lounge

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Devil's Rejects – MCC Mueller Theater

October 29, 2005

Campus Visitation Day

FAMILY DAY

9:30 AM Coffee with President Williamson – MCC Berlin Student Lounge and Club Room

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Josten's Ring Days – MCC TUB

11:00 AM Men's and Women's Cross Country PAC Championship at Thiel

12:00 PM Women's Soccer at Bethany

1:00 PM Football vs. Frostburg State (H) – Burry Stadium

2:00 PM Men's Soccer at Bethany

5:30 PM Community Halloween Parade – Market Street Uptown

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Devil's Rejects – MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: House of Wax – MCC Mueller Theater

October 30, 2005

Daylight Savings Time Ends (Turn Clocks Back)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: House of Wax – MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – Patterson 311

8:45 PM Rosary Group – Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Devil's Rejects – MCC Mueller Theater

October 31, 2005

Women's Soccer PAC Playoffs Begin (through November 5)

HALLOWEEN

Men's Soccer PAC Playoffs Begin (through November 5)

Last Day for Refunds

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Josten's Ring Days – MCC TUB

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Trick or Treat in Residence Halls – All Halls Except Eichenauer

7:30 PM Halloween Organ Concert – Orr Auditorium

9:00 PM Monday Night Football: Baltimore Ravens vs. Pittsburgh Steelers – MCC Club

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

November 1, 2005

12:40 PM Faculty Meeting – Phillips Lecture Hall

1:00 PM Career Center Resume Workshop – MCC Witherspoon Maple

4:30 PM All Saints Day Mass – Wallace Memorial Chapel

7:00 PM Volleyball vs. Waynesburg (H)

7:00 PM Jake Erhardt International Film Series: *La Strada*, 1954, Italy – MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal – Wallace Memorial Chapel

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

November 2, 2005

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Ed Cohen, "Travels with Watto: Searching for the Sources of Globalization" – MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Alpha Gamma Delta's Tutor Auction – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

7:00 PM SGA Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater

November 3, 2005

6:00 PM Ski Club Informational Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater

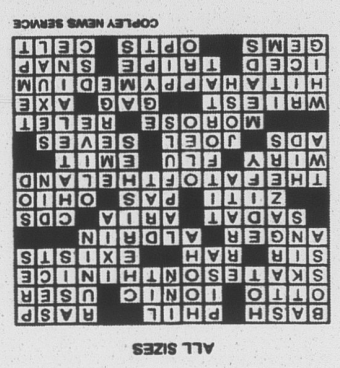
7:00 PM "The Mars Show" – Planetarium, 116 Hoyt

7:30 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal – Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Stargazing on the Roof of Hoyt (weather permitting) – Meet in Hoyt Lobby

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

Last weeks's answers



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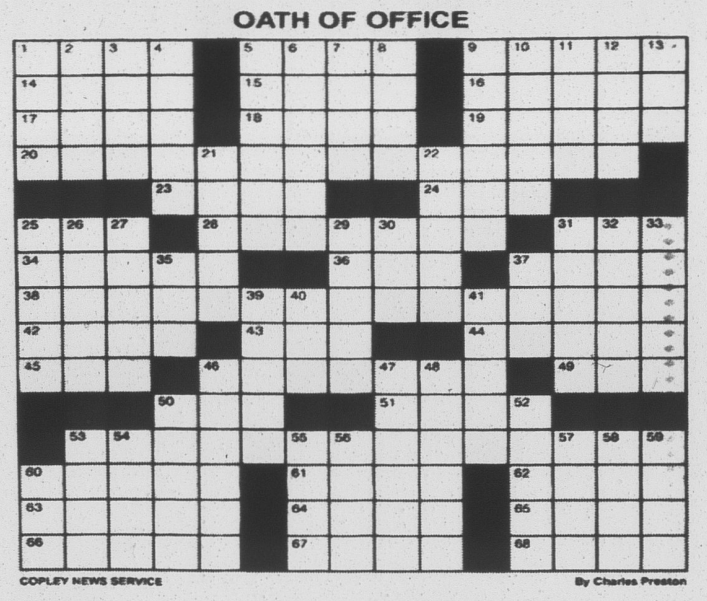

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19 Zero in on
20 Jan. 20th display
23 Top guns
24 Not up to snuff
25 Restorative resort
28 1971 John Lennon song
31 Deface
34 "___ of Athens"
36 Cellular letters
37 Sonoma's neighbor
38 Jan. 20th
42 In case
43 Domino dot
44 Calmness of heart
45 Keyboard key
46 Cobblestone alternative
49 Kind of sch.
50 Pitchblende, e.g.51Six, south of the border
53 Jan. 20th song
60 Georgia peach
61 Surface-to-surface missile
62 Head start
63 One of the Fearsome Foursome
64 Parable plant
65 Maid of the Mist, e.g.
66 Love, Italian style
67 Took out a mortgage
68 He played Pierce

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2 Manipulative one
3 On strike
4 Some like it hot
5 Boston Marathon award
6 Singer Brewer
7 Premonition
8 Fortress feature
9 Make obscure
10 Wake Island, e.g.
11 Villa ___, Ga.
12 Spent bullet
13 Tom, Dick, and Harry, e.g.
21 The cross on a hot cross bun
22 Camel region
25 Token taker
26 Knotty trees
27 Garner
29 Lined paper
30 S&L profit
31 Palindromic woman
32 Briskly
33 Like a daisy
35 The O in AWOL
37 Anchorage-to-Fairbanks dir.
39 Capsize
40 Type of tide
41 Visual
46 "What's My Line?" panelist
47 On liberty
48 Eyed lasciviously
50 Flames are his foe
52 Yemen, once
53 Quartermaster's post
54 To boot
55 "Beetle Bailey" dog
56 Spring event
57 Baal, e.g.
58 Holy moly!
59 White cheese
60 Fluffy scarf

Horoscopes

ARIES: Remain flexible in matters pertaining to travel, education or foreign affairs. Last-minute changes or financial adjustments might be necessary.

TAURUS: Make sure that you have the approval of others involved in a joint investment venture before moving forward. Clarify your intent and outline your expectations.

GEMINI: Look for a green light or indication that it is time to proceed in a relationship matter. A partner or mate is waiting for you to make the first move.

CANCER: Avoid scattering your energy or wasting time in a futile attempt to do too much. Stay focused and tackle your most demanding projects one at a time. Most importantly, don't break or forget plans with friends.

LEO: It appears that there is more going on in a social setting than meets the eye. Postpone making important plans or decisions until you have full disclosure.

VIRGO: Suspicion or self-doubt is sure to undermine your personal happiness. Pull yourself together and rise above your insecurities or negative thoughts. Other than that, it may be a good idea to patent an idea you got earlier this week.

LIBRA: Do your best to make sense out of confusing, yet mandatory paperwork. Read the fine print and if necessary get explanations from a teacher or interpreter.

SCORPIO: Avoid the check-is-in-the-mail hassle or dilemma. Pay bills online or go the extra mile to deliver a payment or gift to the receiving party in person.

SAGITTARIUS: Avoid spreading rumors or causing confusion among friends or loved ones. Communicate with clarity and stand behind the promises you make.

CAPRICORN This is a great time to practice techniques for relaxation or meditation. Put your feet up and allow thoughts of happiness or tranquility to take you away.

AQUARIUS: Do not make the mistake of taking an important relationship or friendship for granted. Make special plans to show your partner or loved one how much you care. A roommate or close friend will scare you on Halloween, watch out.

PISCES: Adopt a business plan or proposal that will take the guesswork out of your professional endeavors. Set your sights or goals high and go for it. Pop in a movie this week.

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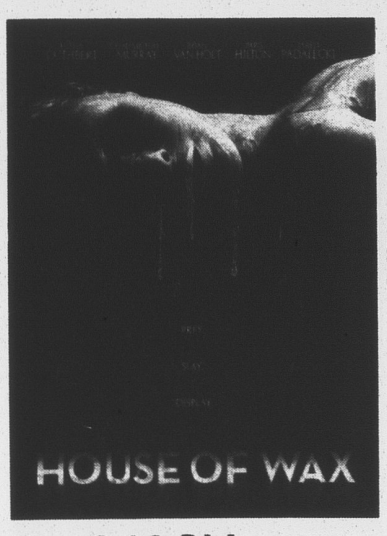

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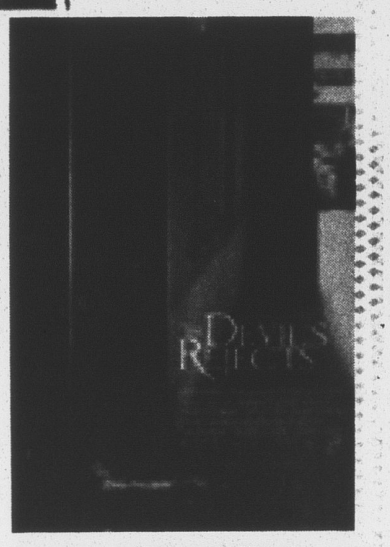
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Nov. 19 Night Owl Bowling
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Dec. 10 Night Owl Bowling

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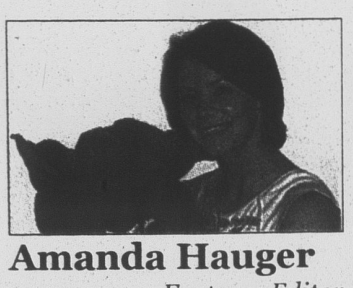
Goblins & Ghosts, Oh My!

Halloween triggers scary insight



Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

With Halloween days away, my mind's been drifting to the dark side lately. The other day, I was walking home from work and had an eerie feeling that someone was behind me. It was for this very reason, perhaps, that my mother had stuffed Mace in my pocket as I packed to go to college my freshman year. After the first week, however, the Mace was removed from my keychain and replaced with those silly, useless trinkets that most girls carry around with them.

At this particular moment though, walking down Market Street in the dark, I wished desperately that my Mace was still within my reach. Could it be that watching *The Ring 2* just days earlier had instilled some sort of absurd paranoia in my mind, or was this feeling a genuine concern?

These days, it's hard to tell. Panty snatchers lurk in women's dorms and the flasher could be creeping up on some poor Amish woman at any given moment. Society as a whole is bombarded with images of us dying at the hands of chickens and birds carrying the deadly avian virus and terrorists plotting to bomb our airplanes and transportation services from underground caves. I don't know who or what to be afraid of anymore-perverts hiding in the women's closets on Pitt's campus or the global warming crisis that everyone keeps mentioning.

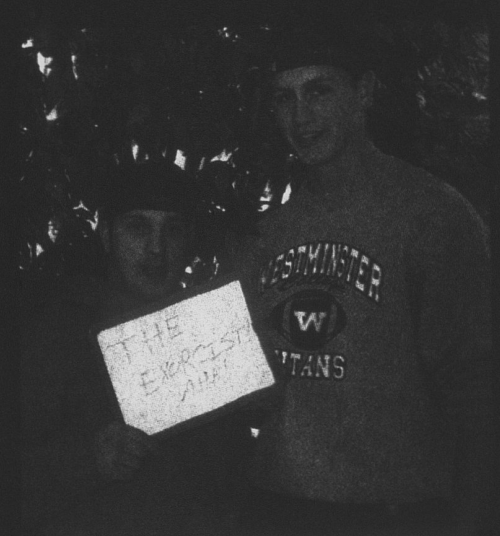
This season is all about little kids dressing up and pretending to be a ghost or goblin or some other trickery of the night. They will probably watch *Hocus Pocus*, as I did, and think that witches will come lure them into the woods at night. Regardless, it won't be until they are grown up that they will truly understand some of the things to fear in life. Meanwhile, adults such as myself will continue to indulge ourselves with Hollywood's idea of what we, as a society, should fear.

Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major, writing minor. She hates scary movies but will probably see *Saw 2* this weekend even though she still has nightmares about the freaky clown on the tricycle wheeling around during the first one.

Question of the Week:

What's your favorite scary movie???

Ashley Donald, freshman



Ron Palowitz, freshman (left)
Andrew Robison, sophomore

David Dean, freshman

Melissa Parker, freshman

Is Graffiti an Art?

Should We Ask Keith Haring or Robert Banks?

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

I recently traveled to the capitol of Maryland over fall break to visit a friend. For all of those who do not know your capitols, it is the city of Annapolis. As we drove into the city, the sun was shinning and Death Cab for Cutie was blaring from the speakers. I began to notice how clean and new Annapolis looked compared to Maryland. What I found more interesting, there was not one display of random spray painting to be seen anywhere.

For all of those who like to travel to Pittsburgh or any other larger city for that fact, you tend to notice the "art" that litters the walls of buildings and underpasses of bridges. Graffiti is hard to ignore and in some cases has become a part of the cities we live in. People of art world are beginning to question whether or not spray painting is considered an art. For one, it is illegal and secondly, it requires no form of guidelines or theme. Likewise, it has no aesthetic criteria nor is it displayed in a traditional manor.

On the contrary, I believe this is exactly why it is art. Art is controversial and is usually used as a way for people to express themselves and their opinions. It is a form of communication that can connect and link any person passing by. In fact, today's graffiti artists have taken their skills to new levels that make it hard not to notice their work. Nozzles are adjusted and assorted aerosol caps fit onto cans to create diverse artistic effects. Also, some create stencils to make dramatic statements or to repeat a pattern.

The word graffiti come from the Italian word *grafficar* and stands for drawings, markings, patterns, scribbles, or messages that are painted, written, or carved on a wall or surface. Even though graffiti has its roots in ancient Egyptian monuments and on the walls of Pompeii, traditional or "New York style" graffiti began in the 1960's with the tagging of one's name. I believe this style has no aesthetic value and basically simply says "I was here." The first well-known tag was "Taki 183" which was the signature of a Greek American boy named Demitrius.

Today, the face of spraycan art is changing. No longer are tags the only type of images seen on walls, but now include huge murals that range in style and form. The image of graffiti artists themselves are also changing. To the surprise of most people, it is not the art of urban, lower-class American kids. Most come from Caucasian well-off families, whose ages range from 15 to 35. In addition, spraycan art is popping up all over the world.

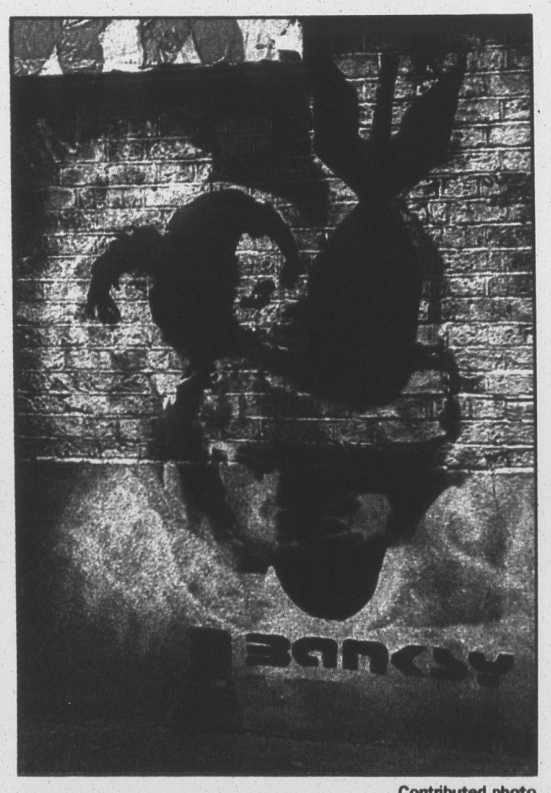
Throughout history, many graffiti artists made a name for themselves that has even reached the texts of classrooms around the world. For example, the eighties pop culture artist Keith Haring. He began his career by scribbling simplistic representations of human life with white chalk on the black unused advertising panels of subway walls. Haring achieved international recognition between 1980 and 1986, in that he created animation for the Spectracolor billboard in Times Square to even opening a store in Soho that sold shirts and products displaying his art. During the eighties Haring became a new sort of Andy Warhol in the pop culture art world. In 1989 he created the Keith Haring Foundation for AIDS after being diagnosed with the disease a year earlier. He then devoted the last year of his life speaking about his illness promoting awareness.

Today, some graffiti artists are receiving more and more recognition for their talent. Cities are beginning to provide means for legal spraycan art to help lessen the amount of illegal art in the city as vandalism. Los Angeles and Chicago were first to take this initiative, but organized artists such as the United Graffiti Artists in New York request places for legal spraycan art such as abandoned buildings or park walls.

This is not to say that graffiti artists will soon shed their bad image. Britain's very own artist, Banksy, or "art terrorist" as newspapers call him, still is held in low regard minus the fact that he has an official website and his paintings and photographs are sold and collected by people all over the world. Banksy is believed to be a 30 year old man from Bristol whose name is Robert Banks. His art is formed from using stencils to spray paint images mocking the art world and pop culture along about any surface imaginable. Banksy is known to walk into a museum and place one of his own oil paintings onto the wall. They usually depict a rural scene with some urban element nonchalantly placed into its scenery.

Graffiti is considered an art by some and vandalism by others. I believe it is a mixture of both and maybe someday artists and authorities will find a happy medium. Whatever the case, spraycan art will forever catch our attention and will grow in skill. One thing is positive, the artists have something to say and are going to great lengths to make it heard. To learn more about Keith Haring go to the official site at haring.com. I also suggest visiting Banksy's page at www.banksy.co.uk.

Natalie Coccia is a junior media art major/PR minor despite the fact that she has not taken time to declare either at the registrar. As of now, she is struggling with her love-hate relationship with Myspace.



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Banksy is known throughout Great Britain for his maginificent graffiti.

Q & A with one broadcast major

Titan Eye Candy

Amanda Hauger takes us inside one student's broadcast experiences

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Meet Leanne Veres, a junior broadcast communications major and New Castle native. Leanne commutes from home but still manages to stay involved within her major while on campus. This Diane Sawyer admirer is a radio DJ on Titan Radio Digital 88.9 FM, a member of the Titan Crew, floor director for Coach's Corner, a producer and anchor for radio news, and serves as talent for a news segment on The County Line.

From the early age of six, Leanne knew she wanted to be some type of broadcaster. Over the years, her ideas have ranged from weather girl, to sports anchor, to television and radio producer.

Back in high school, Leanne served as editor-in-chief of her school's newspaper and was intensely focused on journalism. Since Westminster offered no journalism program, it was natural for her to go into broadcasting. "I really love this major," Leanne said. "I was able to get involved as early as freshman year."

Despite her love for public speaking and being in front of the camera, an illness suffered in high school almost kept her from pursuing her dream. "I was a junior in high school and I thought I had laryngitis until weeks later I still had no voice," Leanne explained. "After seeing a specialist, I was diagnosed with paradoxical vocal chord movement."

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Basically, Leanne's vocal chords were temporarily paralyzed. She lost the ability to speak for three months. "It was a very frustrating time," Leanne said. "I couldn't talk on the phone or give class presentations. I was forced to write notes in order to communicate."

Leanne's case was extremely rare, her specialist had seen only ten other similar cases in his entire time as a doctor. After working with a speech therapist, Leanne slowly recovered her voice. Even today, her condition still has an effect on her. Speaking for long amounts of time leaves her voice raspy, and she worries that she will lose the ability to speak again.

For now, Leanne remains active in communications and even works part time at WKST doing the morning news. You can catch her watching "The Breakfast Club," jamming to Fefe Dobson's new hit "Don't Let it Go to Your Head," and playing with her black lab, Daisy.

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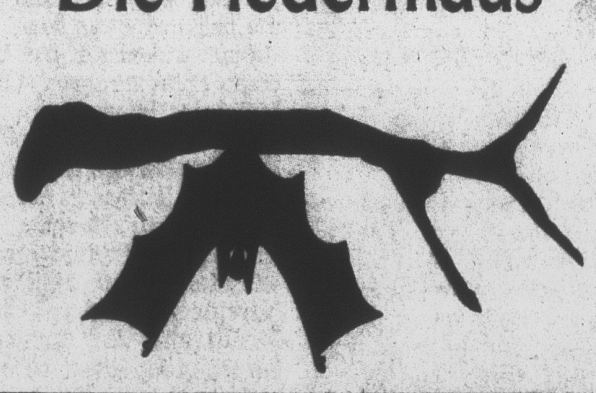
"Die Fledermaus"



It's not over 'till the Batman sings, *Page A-4*

Source: www.onespringhill.com

Local band releases debut album, *Page B-2*

Campus statistic of the week

Number of students who recieved flu shots on-campus this year

30

Find out how to get vaccinated, *Page A-5*

Source: Health Center

Weekend Weather from the Accuweather®

Friday: Mostly sunny, windy and warm, 65/50
Saturday: Mostly cloudy, shower possible, 67/50
Sunday: A couple of showers possible, 62/42

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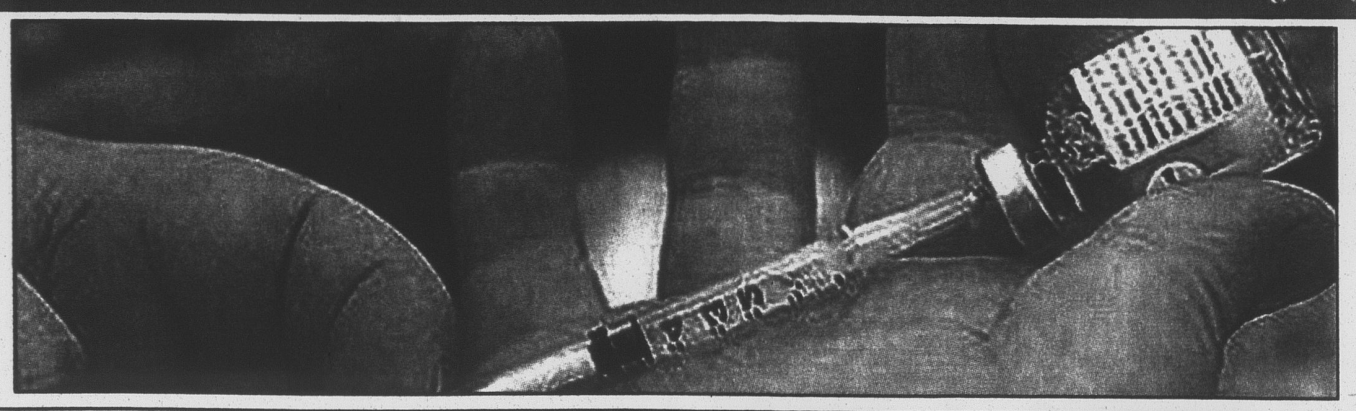

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Photo by Tara Hoellerman

No smoking on campus

While 2007 maybe more than a year a way, students, faculty and visitors will need to start planning their days on campus without the ability to light up. The full story on Page A-4.

Campus safety, security still prime importance

By Steve Saul
Campus writer

A mixture of obscenities and destruction has strangely been the norm around campus this fall.

An unidentified male has been exposing himself to women around town and the campus. No arrest has been made in town, and it is also thought that the same person may now be flashing people in New Castle, too.

"We haven't had any more incidents in town or around campus," Dean Lechner said. "There is a rumor of related incidents in New Castle. The description of the suspect's vehicle is similar."

These incidents started occurring sometime between Sept. 21 and 23. A couple of Amish women were the first known victims of the flasher. Shortly after, the flasher pulled his pranks on some students around campus.

"The flasher started in town before here on campus," Dean Lechner said. "I immediately sent an email to notify students of what was going on."

The New Wilmington Police, along with the Pennsylvania State Police, have been trying to apprehend the suspect. As of now there has been no arrest made. However, the police do have a few leads.

"We have some good information to work with right now," New Wilmington Police Chief Carmen Piccirillo said. "Anyone with information on the flasher should report it to the police immediately."

Pranks of destruction and vandalism have also been a cause of concern around campus. On Saturday, October 8th, a campus map was destroyed outside of Browne Hall. The repairs to the map are said to be expensive.

"As of now, there has been no new information on who caused the destruction," Dean Lechner said. "We do plan on replacing the map."

There have been other, separate reports of vandalism around campus as well. Several people have complained about damage done to parked cars in the Eichenauer and field house parking lots. A golf cart and some chairs were damaged outside of McKelvey Campus Center. Windows in Eichenauer and McGill Library have also been vandalized.

"The doors on the west side of Eichenauer are now broken," sophomore Brett Ziegler said. "Those are the only doors on that side!"

Dean Lechner said that any damage or vandalism should be reported to campus security (x7777), the information desk or Dean Lechner himself.

Folding the party, unpacking Suitcase's details

Theta Chi's annual suitcase party postponed due to hurricanes

By Seth McClarey
Campus writer

Theta Chi's Suitcase Party has traditionally been scheduled in the first semester of the school year, but with this year's onset of late hurricanes in the season, Theta Chi has decided to postpone their fall philanthropy event.

The Suitcase Party was originally planned for the first weekend in November, but the brothers have not yet decided on a new date. All proceeds of this event go to the American Red Cross, which is Theta Chi's primary charity.

In the past, prizes were raffled off all evening leading up to the announcement of the grand prize. The grand prize winners were then whisked off with their packed bags and driven to the airport in a limousine.

"I think it's sad because everybody looks forward to it, but I'm sure it'll be here soon and Theta Chi will have an awesome turnout," Heather Kydd said when asked for her thoughts on the postponement.

The brothers of Theta Chi hope for a large turnout and were leery on having such a trip in the midst of such an odd hurricane season this year. The past two trips have been to Florida- one of the hardest hit states of the hurricanes this year. Brothers are considering different destinations for this year's trip but would still like to fly two students to a warmer climate during our cold months.

"Many factors influenced the reason of cancellation, not the least of which was the hurricane," Theta Chi philanthropy chair John Buco said in reference to hurricane Wilma.

The brothers hope that the idea for the event has struck into the minds of students, which will lead to anticipation of the rescheduling of the event. With all the problems from the hurricane season this year, the brothers also hope that overall donations to the Red Cross at the event will set new records.

The Theta Chi Suitcase Party was revived in 2003 by brothers who looked into past philanthropy ideas. This was a huge event in the past, but was halted in the early 1990s due to lack of leadership for the large event. According to the brotherhood, it is impor-

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Don't judge me; I'm just doing my thing. See you in the theatre.

You stay classy, San Diego.

Which is worse: a mullet or a mullet in a pony tail?

Why does the info desk smell today?

The penguins called...they want their natural habitat back.

The tavern should be open til 1 a.m. if it is supposed to be open until 1 a.m.!

Bob Saget!

I didn't know "Geeks" could run so fast!

Wizards tell physics what to do.

Pokemon do not a culture make.

Why can't everyone park where they are supposed to and quit taking other people's spaces?

If you read something 7 times it's committed to memory.

What gave those silly professors the idea that I'd have time over break?!? I worked 14 hour days the whole time!

Prioletti family seeks donations

Christi Kwiat, the student records processor in the registrar's office, is Jack Prioletti's aunt.

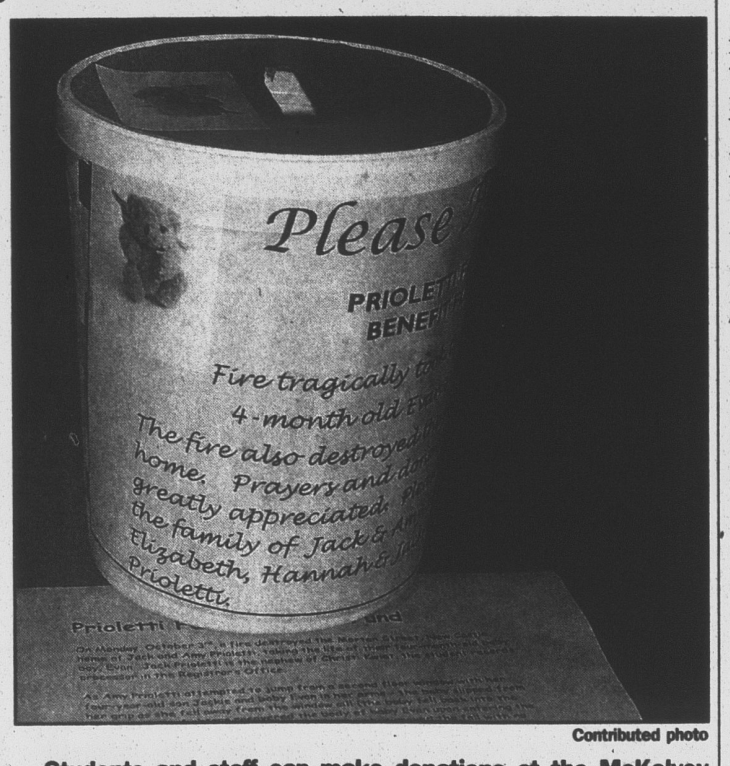
By Sara Camerota
Staff writer

A fire broke out on Morton Street in New Castle on Monday, Oct. 3 at 1:45 p.m.

The blaze destroyed the Prioletti home and claimed the life of four month old baby, Evan. The fire was reportedly caused by old electric wiring in the rented home.

Amy Prioletti frantically tried to escape through a second story bedroom window holding both children in her arms. Little baby Evan slipped out of her arms back into the bedroom as they were going out the window. Little Jack miraculously suffered no injuries, but Amy fractured her back in the fall, preventing her from going back into the burning home to save Evan. Rescue teams entered the house to recover Evan's body. Two other children, Mary, 9, and Hannah, 7, were at school, and their father Jack was at work when the fire broke out. The fire has left this family many pieces to pick up. The family had rented this home and lost everything.

Christi Kwiat, the student records processor in the registrar's office, is Jack Prioletti's aunt. Since we are a gracious and giving campus community, and because we believe in helping each other, please consider donating to the Prioletti Family Benefit Fund which has been setup through Sky Bank, 1144 Butler Avenue, New Castle, PA 16101.



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Students and staff can make donations at the McKelvey Student Center Information Desk.

As a member of the student body, it is my hope that each student will give a small contribution to this fund. During spring semester registration on November 7 - 10, a contribution can will be available for your donations. If each student donated just one dollar, Westminster College would serve this family in great need. In addition, contributions cans have been placed at the following locations: registrar's office, admissions office, campus bookstore and the McKelvey information desk. Remember: November is a month of thanksgiving. Let us as a community give this family a little peace of mind during their time of loss and need.

Gluttony rocks, grab the TUMS

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

October waves us a fond farewell and our travels start to take us to the uncertain realm known as November. What events shall transpire in this new world? I doth not know. Ok, I'll stop that now.

November is an often overlooked month. It seems like people don't really acknowledge that it's there until Thanksgiving where we tell everyone how grateful we are while we devour turkeys like they grow on trees. I don't know. Maybe they do. I'm not a bio major.

However, everyone needs to take a step back and consider exactly what you're missing during this month. It's really simple. No, it's not the beautiful colors on the trees. No, it's not Thanksgiving. Stop bringing that up. I'm talking about something a lot more solid, something that is so awesome that it will rock your socks off. Ok, maybe it won't rock them off completely. Now hush.

It is time for the world eating contest to make a triumphant return on ESPN.

I have never been fond of sports, but during Thanksgiving break last year I was enlightened. I sat in awe as I saw one of the most amusing and ridiculous things I had ever seen on television to be passed off as a sport.

The opening in itself was worth watching. The announcer called each of the contestants on to the stage, shouting each name as if I was supposed to have heard of them before. Most of them had nicknames like. "The Annihilator" and "The Consumed." Some of them wore these names like a medal of honor. I think "Chicken Devourer" actually came out in cardboard armor, complete with sword and a helmet.

The audience would go nuts and wave signs supporting the contestants as each of them entered the ring. After several challengers had appeared, silence fell on the arena. From my seat in my house, I could feel the tension in the air as we all waited.

Suddenly, a fifty gallon bucket tipped itself from the ceiling, pouring mayonnaise into a large tub and splattering it all over the floor. The crowd went nuts. The food had been selected.

As I watched a complete stranger choke down four bowls filled with thirty two ounces of mayonnaise, it occurred to me that the best part of the whole thing was that no matter who was victorious, there would be no winners. That thought made me turn up the volume as the bucket overturned again and poured sticks of butter onto the polished arena floor.

The winner of the butter competition ate seven sticks of butter, by the way.

If I have learned anything this semester, it's that gluttony is a sin. Really. I read an article about it. However, keep an open mind when you turn on the eating competition. November is National Glutton Month, after all. Embrace it. I'm going to go get some pretzels.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. He spends most of his spare time nursing an addiction to "Kool-Aid Jammers" and creating insane theories about dinosaurs. If you see him on campus, give him a cookie. This will please him, as well as shut him up until you can escape.

Letters to the editor

Parking situation finally irks student enough to write

I am finally fed up. It has taken me weeks to get frustrated enough to write this, but I have finally had it. The parking situation on this campus is ludicrous, and I believe it goes back to what Brian Peck said in his column a few weeks ago: this college does not care about its current students. I am a junior who lives in Browne Hall, and yet I have an overflow parking pass, something I didn't even have as a freshman. Indeed, my walk, most nights, from my car to my room is about twice as long as it was when I first came here. I generally return to campus between 11 p.m. and midnight, so I have to walk from the track to Browne in the dark. I know this campus is small and safe, but that walk that late at night makes me extremely uncomfortable. I have given this school three years' worth of my time and money; doesn't that at least deserve a decent parking spot?

I do understand that there are certain extenuating circumstances due to the construction of the townhouses that are affecting the parking situation this year, but I think the administration should have foreseen these problems and dealt with them more thoroughly before students moved in. So many issues such as parking and dorm cleanliness were neglected that I have to wonder what our administration did do to ready the campus over the summer. They already had our money; they could have at least made it seem like they were looking forward to our arrival. But maybe that should be an issue for another day. So, instead of a simple rant, I would like to voice my concerns in a constructive way. That is, I have two suggestions.

First, overflow parking should not extend all the way to Market Street. There are only eleven parking spaces for Browne Hall residents, and if I am correct, there are sixteen for Ferg residents. Why then are the parking spaces between these two buildings classified as overflow? Give these spaces to Browne and Ferg and make one parking decal for both halls. It still won't be enough for everyone, but I think everyone agrees that eleven spaces ia ridiculous. Giving those places to these residents is simply common sense and a much better use of parking space.

Second, I apologize freshmen, but perhaps freshmen should not be allowed to have cars on campus. Two things would be fixed with this problem. Number one, it would allow all upperclassmen to have decent parking slots. Several juniors and seniors have internships or student-teach; therefore they need their car on campus. Secondly, many other colleges do not allow freshmen to have cars on campus because they want them to experience campus life on weekends. Perhaps if our freshmen had to stay here, the campus wouldn't be a ghost town on weekends.

Though fixing this problem is only the beginning when it comes to problems students have with this college, it would at least be progress. Otherwise, I predict a severe decrease in alumni income over the next five to ten years.

Katie Hutchison, junior

Getting married early best for some

I am writing in response to Amanda Hauger's article "Wedding Bells." I am 22 and will be getting married one week from the day this letter is published. I have been asked many times why I am getting married so soon after I graduated and the answer is simple: it just made sense. I knew early in my relationship with my fiancé that one day we would be married. As my senior year started, I wanted to make sure that my intentions were known so I proposed. When we sat down to set a date and realized student loans and the cost of starting a new life were looming in the not-so-distant future, it was a simple decision for us to get married as soon after graduation as possible. That way we were only paying to set up one household. Living on our own was never something that appealed to either of us, and what fun is "getting out there and having fun" without the person you love? Our families are thrilled that we're getting married, and the only comment we got when we told them that date was "why are you taking so long?" For some, getting married at a young age is the most logical answer.

Geoffrey Zimmerman, 2005 alumnus

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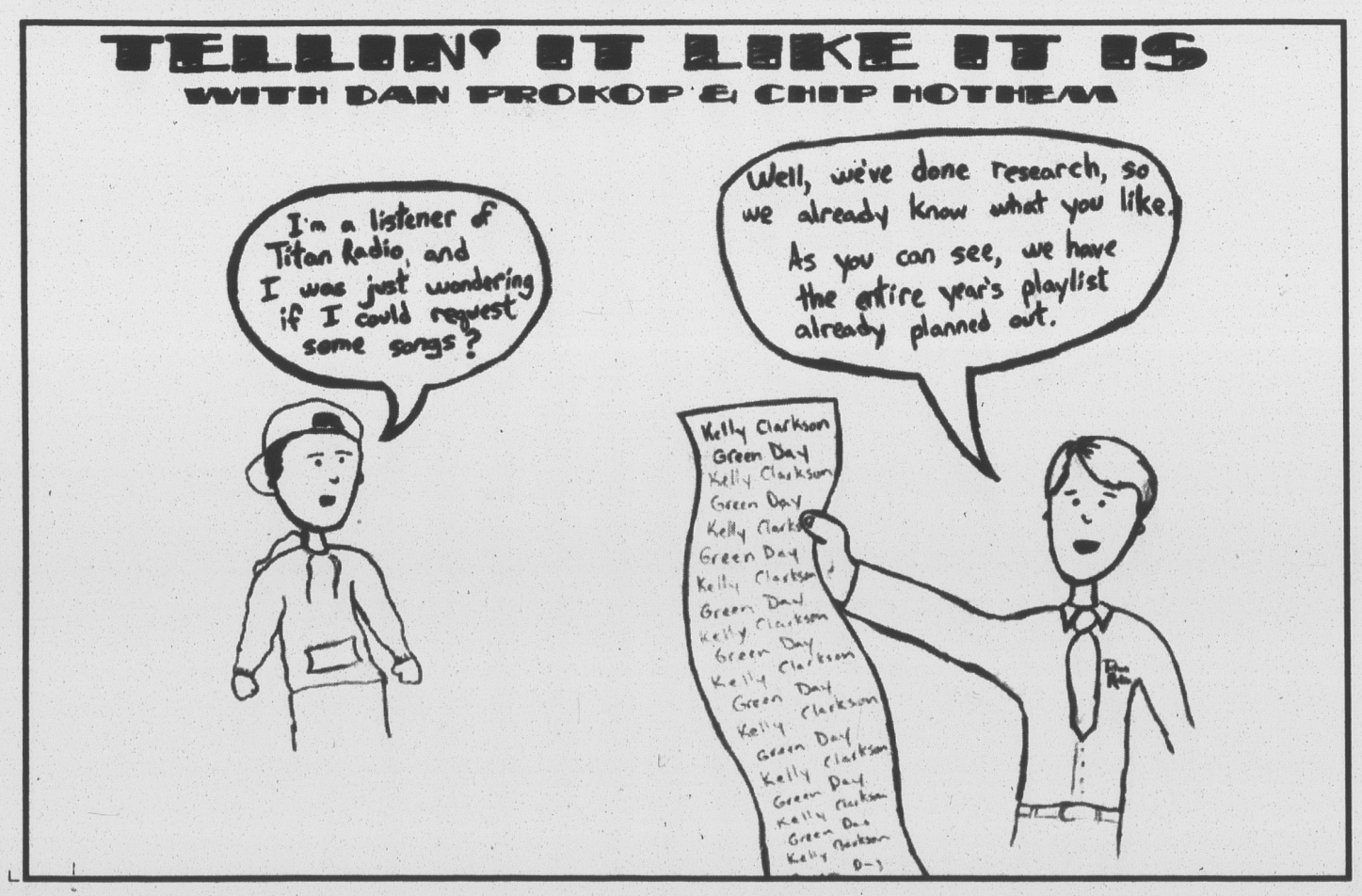

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Westminster Outside the Bubble

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Busy time for local orthodontist

The day after Halloween is one of the busiest days of the year for Grove City orthodontist Ronald K. Kampas. He says braces present one of the toughest problems for kids gorging on those Halloween treats.

"We do have a few issues with braces, and it's not just things that get stuck in them, " Kampas told Digital 88.9 News.

"Sometimes the kids get overly enthusiastic with some of the foods or candy that they eat that they really shouldn't eat with braces on."

Kampas says that braces are delicate and can come off teeth easily if you're not careful. The extra work doesn't stop Kampas from having fun with trick-or-treaters, but he does give them something extra with their candy bar. Kampas also says Halloween presents more problems for braces than Easter.

Body found near Theta Chi house

New Wilmington Police and the Lawrence County Coroner are investigating the death of a 93-year old woman. According to police, Melba McConnell of New Wilmington drowned in a pond on the property of Theta Chi Fraternity last night. McConnell was reported missing by a family member around 11 o'clock Wednesday. Police searched the area outside of her apartment, located near the pond. They found her body around 11:30. Police say evidence at the scene suggests that the victim may have become disoriented in the dark and accidentally fell into the pond and drowned.

High school football fans head to New Wilmington

Look for a steady flow of traffic Saturday, November 5 in New Wilmington as high school football teams and fans travel to Greyhound Stadium. Two District 10 high school playoff games take to the field at Wilmington Area High School. Sharpsville will play Cambridge Springs at 1 p.m. in a Class A battle. At 7 p.m., Reynolds High School (Greenville) goes head to head with Seneca High (Erie) in a AA game.

Weaver's WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1). How much emergency funding did President Bush say he would ask Congress for to prepare for a flu pandemic?
A). $550 million
B). $770 million
C). $6.7 billion
D). $7.1 billion
E). $11 billion

2). Identify the name of the proposed harness racing track and slot machine casino developers want to build in Lawrence County?
A). The Sprint-Nextel Gaming Center
B). Valley View Downs
C). Wheeling Downs
D). Bedford Downs
E). Mahoning Downs

3). Identify the public office appearing on next week's election ballot in Lawrence County.
A). State Auditor General
B). Sheriff
C). County Commissioner
D). County Treasurer
E). State Attorney General

4). Identify the person indicted recently for indictment in the CIA leak investigation at the White House?
A). Carl Rove
B). I. Lewis Libby
C). Patrick Fitzgerald
D). Dick Cheney
E), Joseph Wilson

5). What did Pennsylvania state lawmakers vote to repeal on Wednesday?
A). The state income tax.
B). The state's mandatory automobile emissions test.
C). The legislative pay raise approved in July.
D). Legalized slot machines in Pennsylvania.
E). The current property tax laws.

6). Identify the President Bush's latest nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court.
A). I. Lewis Libby
B). Harriet Miers
C). Samuel Alito
D). Arlen Specter
E). Patrick Fitzgerald

7). Identify the tentative date Habitat for Humanity plans to make a New Orleans' family's dream come true this by constructing an entire home in one day on Westminster College's campus.
A). January 2, 2006
B). November 11, 2005
C). December 7, 2005
D). November 23, 2005
E). December 23, 2005

1).D, 2).D, 3).B, 4).B, 5).C, 6).C, 7).D

Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations instructor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with dubious current event quizes.

Ripped from the Wire

REGIONAL

Pittsburgh panhandling

Pittsburgh approves panhandling ordinace

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Panhandlers won't be able to ask for money near the entrances of places of worship under an ordinance approved Tuesday by City Council.

Besides keeping 25 feet from church entrances, panhandlers must also stay that far away from outdoor eating establishments, automated teller machines and lines of people waiting to buy tickets or enter an event.

The legislation also keeps panhandlers at least 10 feet away from food vendors and bus stops and restricts them to daylight soliciting.

People arriving for services at churches in some neighborhoods had been asked for money by panhandlers, said Councilman William Peduto, who introduced the amendment covering places of worship.

Violators would be offered an evaluation by a social service provider, and repeat offenders could face fines, community service and jail time.

NATIONAL

Caterpillars predict winter

Woolly bear caterpillars said to suggest mild winter

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) - The brown-and-black markings on this year's crop of woolly bear caterpillars suggest the coming winter will be mild, the organizer of an annual inspection said Tuesday.

Local children collected about 20 woolly bears for a contest sponsored by the Hagerstown Town and Country Almanack, said Gerald W. Spessard, the publication's business manager. He said he and the other contest judge observed that the fuzzy caterpillars were mostly brown.

"There's not a whole lot of black at either end, so we both agree this should be a fairly mild winter," Spessard said.

The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration says there is an equal chance of above- and below-normal temperatures and precipitation in the region from December through March.

The almanac, which recently published its 209th edition, is the nation's second-oldest continuously published periodical, after the Old Farmer's Almanac, of Dublin, N.H., which is entering its 214th year.

The Hagerstown almanac is distributed in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

NATIONAL

Postal rates increasing again

Rate commission approves 2-cent postage rate increase

WASHINGTON (AP) -

A 2-cent boost in the price of a postage stamp was approved Tuesday by the independent Postal Rate Commission.

Under the recommendation, which now goes to the Postal Service's Board of Governors for final action, the cost of a first-class stamp will go from 37 cents to 39 cents and the postcard rate will rise a penny to 24 cents. The Postal Service requested the increase last April. It is expected to go into effect in January.

The increase is needed so the post office can make a $3.1 billion escrow payment required by Congress. A bill that would eliminate that payment and make other changes in postal operations was approved by the House but has not yet passed the Senate. The White House has expressed reservations about the bill.

The Postal Service had requested a 5.4 percent increase in all postage rates, but the rate commission altered some of the proposals. The matter now goes back to the Board of Governors, which can agree to the commission's changes or ask for reconsideration.

The rate commission said its decision reduced proposed increases for nonprofit organizations and small local newspapers, but would raise the post office's planned charges for mailing books and media materials.

INTERNATIONAL

India train crash

Passenger train plunges into rain-swollen river in southern India, killing at least 100

VELIGONDA, India (AP) - A passenger train plunged into a rain-swollen river in southern India early Saturday, killing at least 100 people and trapping dozens more inside the derailed cars, officials said.

About 100 injured passengers were rescued from the coaches, which derailed after floods washed away the tracks in the town of Veligonda in Andhra Pradesh state.

Dozens more people remained trapped inside the train cars as soldiers and local villagers used gas torches to cut open the cars, at least five of which were lying on their side, partially submerged in water. One of the coaches was resting on top of another.

"We have recovered 100 bodies so far. And some bodies may have been washed away" by the fast moving flood waters of the river, said Thomas Verghese, general manager of India's southern railway.

Army divers and local volunteers swam out to the wreckage to help pull out the injured. Other soldiers, lowered onto the roof of the coaches by helicopter to help in the rescue effort as people inside were hanging on to luggage racks and ceiling fans.

"We were fast asleep, when there was a big bang and a thud. The next thing the train was under water," said P. Ramesh, a passenger who said he lost seven members of his family, including his wife and brother.

"It was pitch dark and people were screaming," Ramesh said. "I was able to clamber out of the coach, but others were not so lucky. They are still inside."

The train, an engine and 17 coaches hit a portion of track washed away by flash floods and seven of the cars derailed, officials said.

Rains have battered southern India for more than a week, claiming at least 90 lives in Andhra Pradesh and the neighboring states of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. Most died due to drowning, electrocution and injuries caused by housing collapses.

The injured were flown by helicopters to hospitals in Hyderabad, the capital of Andhra Pradesh, local police Inspector General Govind Singh said.

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Campus News

Up In Smoke

On-campus smoking to be unwelcome in 2007

By Kathryn Stanley
Campus writer

Photo by Katie Chandley

Many students take advantage of the ashtrays outside the dorms, like this one outside Hillside Hall. However, if the current movement succeeds, smoking outside of dorms will be prohibited.

Finding an ashtray on campus will become a little bit harder for students and faculty alike by 2007.

Smoking will be prohibited outside of all buildings as part of the next phase to make this a smoke-free campus. Dean Neal Edman along with the help of students, staff and faculty has begun the next phase of the project to be completed in 2007.

"This follows in the footsteps of other institutions such as hospitals and other colleges, and this is the type of bill many states have been passing," Edman said.

In 1994, a project was started by former college president Dr. Oscar E. Remick to make this a smoke-free institute. It started with the prohibition of smoking inside of all non-residential buildings. Since then, many phases have followed to bring the campus to where it is today.

"We went from campus non-residential over a phase-out of three years to campus residential becoming a smoke-free inside," Edman said.

The Task Force that has been set up to deal with the issues that come along with this type of change is made up of faculty, students and administration. One issue discussed is where smokers will be able to light up.

"We've talked about 'buffer zones,' which means you can't be from about 20 to 25 ft. in front of a main entrance," Edman said.

A "buffer zone" is often seen at hospitals and other large institutions where a smoke-free policy has been established. This would be a common area on campus where smoking is permitted. The problem that is being addressed is how it would be centralized on campus and under what circumstances.

"I think the idea of a smoke-free campus is taking a step in the right direction; however, regardless of the intentions behind the changes, I feel the school still has an obligation to make sure both parties are accommodated," sophomore Crystal Arbore said.

According to the NCAA, by prohibiting the use of smoking and tobacco products on campuses, it will encourage individuals to make healthy choices which may lead to healthier generations.

"Smoking is termed a privilege – not a right - and while we respect those who smoke and their insights and feelings, the college will do what it has to in order to protect the health and safety of its people," Edman said.

The Task Force has not decided on the specific way to enforce a smoke-free campus,but hopes that individuals will respect the policies and other people.

"This follows in the footsteps of other institutions such as hospitals and other colleges, and this is the type of bill many states have been passing."
Dean Edman

"I think a smoke-free campus is a good idea," sophomore Tara Merrill said. "Sometimes we cannot open our windows in Hillside because people are smoking outside, and it comes right into our room."

Different ways to enforce the policy are being discussed, but nothing concrete has yet been decided. The policy should be listed in the student handbook by 2007 and will be enforced accordingly.

Fireside chat kindles thoughts on campus jobs, townhouses

By Natalie Coccia
Staff Writer

President Williamson and Dean Edman took time to answer students' questions at the Fireside Chat Oct. 27.

About fifteen people showed to voice their opinions and ask questions concerning topics from off-campus housing to student publications.

For the most part, issues concerning the new townhouses and living arrangements for next year became the main focus. Residence Life directors Molly Mistretta and Matthew Shaffer were also present.

Junior Matt Kerns, a representative of the SGA townhouse committee, was first to voice his concern about the elimination of off-campus housing.

He felt living in an apartment will teach students to become more self-sufficient and responsible for matters such as rent and basic domestic upkeep.

"In a perfect world, we would like three options for students: townhouses, off-campus, and on-campus housing," Williamson said.

Williamson said that Westminster has grown and holds 1,438 fulltime students.

He said that stepping into the processing of creating townhouse accommodations "has caused them to be very cautious."

Those involved do not want to make any precise decisions about off-campus living until Residence Life creates a roundabout estimate of students who will want to live in townhouses. He reports they can offer more guidance closer to the event of housing.

Junior Charlie Judge was also present and questioned whether townhouse policies would allow of age drinking and no visitation hours.

"As an adult, I believe we should be granted the same permissions as if we lived in an apartment," said Judge.

Williamson responded with the idea that the college exists as a learning community and as such needs to provide on-campus housing for all students. He also stressed that it is the obligation of the people living in that community to fill those beds.

"Every community has limitations, and those you described are the limitations," said Williamson.

Dean Edman offered his input on the position of RAs in the townhouses as well.

"No one wants Gestapo RA's...we will try to make them as inconspicuous as possible, but helpful as possible," said Edman.

Judge also expressed his view on the upkeep of dorms the college already provides. He questioned why townhouses were being built when our dormitories are in major need of repair.

"Maybe that is something we should advertise for SWAT; our buildings are leaking, but we are building townhouses," said Judge.

Williamson responded to the remark by explaining the opportunity for construction came along with a large donation.

"It sways priorities, but does not excuse us for not taking care of residence halls," Williamson said.

Mistretta noted that the college has begun repairing the dorms, starting with Ferguson. She stated that, this past summer, all the furniture was replaced and further improvements are planned.

"We have to start somewhere," said Mistretta.

Future repairs for Galbreath rooms and Hillside lobby are planned into the residence hall improvement fund.

Junior Jackie Sabolsky raised concern about the possibility of the students living in the townhouses being required to buy a meal plan.

"Why should we have a meal plan and have to walk all the way to get food if we have our own kitchens?" questioned Sabolsky.

Williamson said that no set policy has been set for a required meal plan yet. He did state that he likes the idea of providing partially prepared meals. Kerns said he would like the opportunity to contract his own meal plan.

"We are trying to come up with a package that is appealing and predictable because we are nonprofit and balance that with affordability," Williamson said.

Westminster College is a nonprofit community and must break even at the end of the year. He explained that the college must consider this aspect when composing food service opportunities.

Judge was next to question the possibility of grandfathering the off-campus policy. He believes that since the off-campus policy is currently displayed on the college website and that students came to Westminster with the expectation of being able to live off-campus their senior year, such policy should be grandfathered.

Williamson declared that the off-campus policy is not part of the student's contract and referred to the contract as the blue student handbook.

"No representation has ever been made by the college if it would let one, twenty, or a hundred people live off campus," stated Williamson.

He claimed that the administration would not know who to grandfather.

The building of the townhouses is set in stone, but the policies that are associated with the building are not.

Students have taken the initiative to become involved with the setting of policies by stating their opinions and in so giving suggestions to administration.

Opera of "The Bat"

Opera Westminster's *Die Fledermaus* flies in for two matinee performances in Orr Auditorium

By Katie Pride
Campus writer

Opera Westminster will be presenting *Die Fledermaus* for this year's fall production. Director of *Die Fledermaus* and assistant professor of voice Dr. Anne Bentz, and conductor Mihai Valcu have teamed up to help bring this production to life.

The plot of this melodramatic comedy develops around a practical joke. The character Eisenstein, played by sophomore Bill McCullough, takes advantage of Dr. Falke, played by sophomore David Timm, when he passes out dressed as a bat. One of the translations for the title *Die Fledermaus* is "the bat." According to senior opera student Stephanie Nicholson, the practical joke that Dr. Falke plays on Eisenstein in return, and his manipulation of the other characters makes this operetta great fun to watch.

"If I really was Eisenstein I would be honored to have such a practical joke played on me," McCullough said. "If you're looking for a fun activity come, and see what it's all about."

The 22-person cast is composed of students, faculty, and community members. Students are not required to be in the Opera Westminster if they do not want to participate, but it is strongly encouraged. According to Nicholson, the cast is normally picked a semester in advance so that participants can begin working on the songs.

"Getting the music early is a helpful tool," sophomore Courtney Collins said, "because we learn the music before we start staging."

The operetta is in English and has several famous pieces; two such examples are "Mein Herr Marquis" and "Cardas". It was composed by Johann Strauss and is based on the play *Le Réveillon* by Henri Meilhac and Ludovic Halévy. Its first performance was on April 5, 1874, in Vienna, Austria. The setting of the operetta is during the end of the 19th century in Vienna.

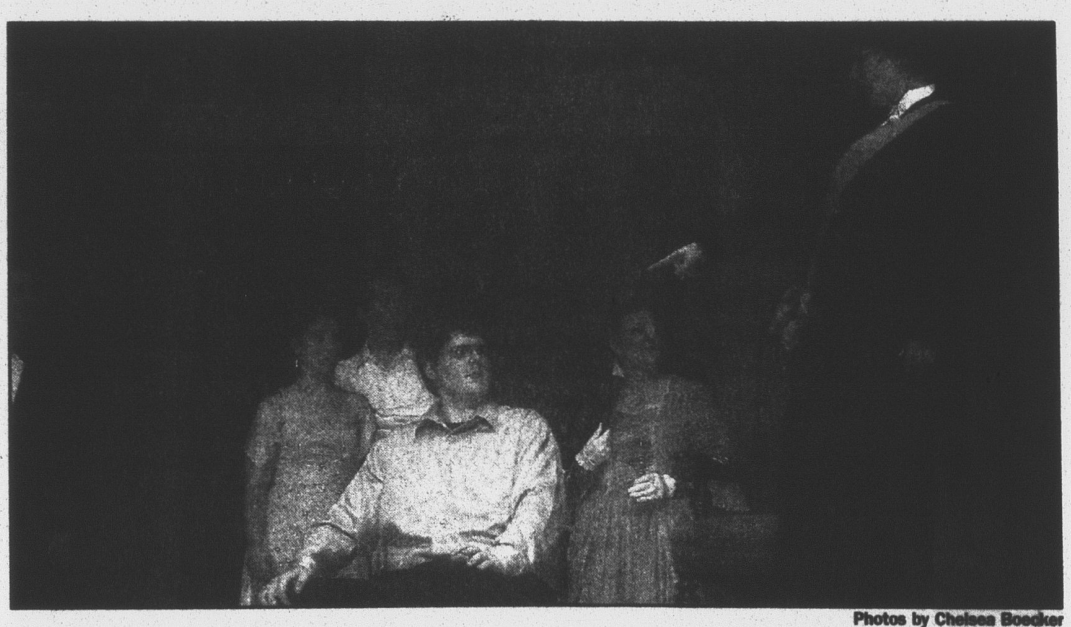
Those involved with putting on the operetta are responsible for the set, their own costumes and learning all their lines. A lot of hard work and effort goes into each production performed by Opera Westminster, and *Die Fledermaus* is no exception.

Opera Westminster performs twice a year, once during each semester. The two productions put on last year, *Carmen* and *Opera Italiana*, were successful, and the audience continues to grow with each performance.

"After the success with last year's shows, it just keeps getting better," Nicholson said, "and more people are starting to come and watch."

The operetta will take place on Nov. 6 and 7 at 3 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. There is no admission fee. It will run for an hour and a half with one intermission.

The Rotary club along with the Hoyt and Knox Foundation provided funding for the operetta. Local high schools have also been invited in the hope to promote understanding of the cultural arts.



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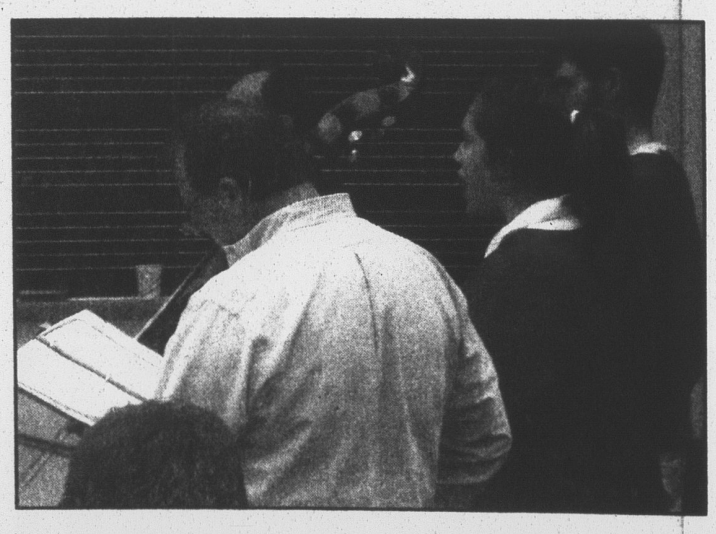
Above: Sophomore David Timm speaks to sophomore Bill McCullough while the rest of the cast looks on during dress rehearsal.

Below: Dean Jesse Man, senior Stephanie Nicholson and 2004 alumnus Sean Taylor sing during rehearsal.



Music to One's Ears: Wind Ensemble plays for College

By Chip Hothem
Staff Writer

This Friday, Nov. 4, the college's Wind Ensemble will give an exciting classical performance in Orr Auditorium which will be open to the general public and will showcase young student talents.

Dr. R. Tad Greig, along with senior trumpeter Cyndi Mancini, will conduct upwards of 40 students from various disciplines. These students will play an assortment of classical arrangements such as Charles Young's "Tempered Steel," Frescobaldi's Toccata, Philip Sparke's "Music for a Festival," and three other pieces.

"With Wind Ensemble there is a wider variety of instrumentation, rather than symphonic band, where one really just moves a marching band inside," junior tenor saxophone player Ben Snyder said. "I also believe the music is more challenging because players are required to audition for the ensemble. The music is exciting because it is both fun to listen to and technically challenging."

Wind Ensemble students practice on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:40 to 12:40, often times sacrificing lunch, and have been preparing for this concert since the beginning of the semester.

Audience members should look for the caliber of professionalism that Dr. Greig seeks from his ensemble members.

"Tad expects a high degree of professionalism from all his ensembles," Snyder explains. "Naturally, a musician must rise to the level of expectation, or one drops out."

Look forward to these young student talents display the musical capacity that they have been developing for years; such an event will most certainly be music to one's ears.

More news from around the campus

Shot fighting flu season?

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Campus quickly runs out of flu shots

By Josh Hensler
Campus writer

In past years, the demand for the flu vaccine has been astronomical and was usually given to high-risk individuals only.

This year the Health Center was scheduled to have a flu vaccine clinic that was assumed to be open to all those wanting the vaccine and willing to pay the 30 dollars for it.

However, the Maxim Health Systems representative was only able to bring 60 doses of the flu vaccine.

All of the doses had been used within an hour.

Westminster's shortage does not appear to be an isolated incident. Area hospitals, as well as the local Eckerd drug store, are feeling the same affects.

The main cause for the shortage is due to a massive contamination of the vaccine at a plant in England owned by Chiron.

The concern is that Chiron is only one of two companies that manufacture the flu vaccine for the United States and that Chiron faced the same problems with contamination last year.

British regulators suspended Chiron's license last year because of the problems at the England plant.

The British restored Chiron's license this March, leaving FDA approval as the last hurdle before the company could send vaccine to the United States.

During shipping this year, Chiron must follow strict internal release procedures, resulting in limited shipping volumes and greater delays.

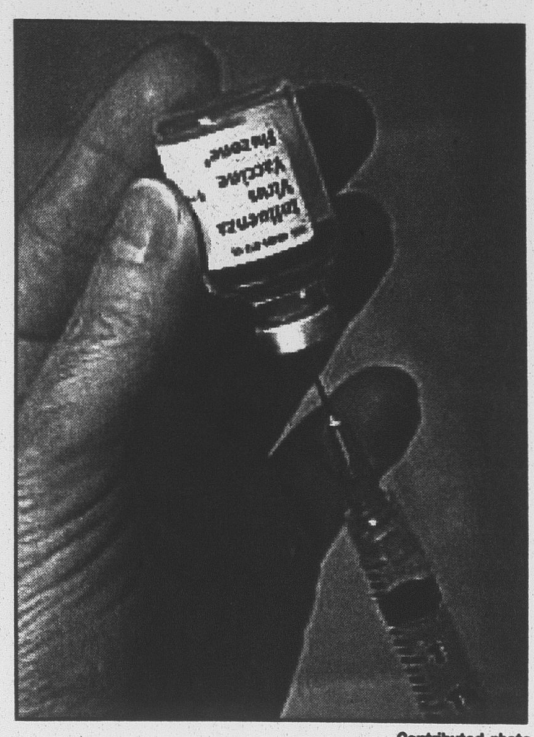
"Sharon Regional has already received a partial shipment of the vaccine and does not expect to be affected by the contaminated batch in England," Ed Newmeyer, director of marketing and community relations for Sharon Regional Hospital, said.

"We receive our vaccine from another supplier and should have the rest of the shipment on Nov. 15," Newmeyer said.

Newmeyer couldn't speculate as to why Westminster is having trouble getting the yaccine, though many of the suppliers have had prior commitments for nearly a year.

"I don't understand why there isn't more coverage on this; everyone seems to say there is no shortage, but a lot of medical facilities still haven't received anything," Judy Duda, a health center worker, said.

Time is a factor and shows that vaccines delivered after November often go to waste because consumers are no longer interested in getting immunized unless the flu season is particularly severe.



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The flu is a common illness that affects 5% to 20% of the U.S. population a year. More than 200,000 people are hospitalized and about 36,000 people die from it yearly.

CDC identifies high-risk groups needing influenza vaccination

By Nicole Bucci
Campus writer

The influenza virus causes an average of 36,000 deaths in the United States every year, but preventative measures may be taken in combating this disease.

Fever, nausea, runny nose, headache and sore throat are just some of the symptoms of the flu, which may range in degree from minor to severe. It is a highly contagious respiratory illness.

Flu season begins in October and can last into May. The best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccination every fall. A flu shot may take a few weeks to start working, but may be worth receiving well into the winter months. This is the first year the flu shot was available on campus.

College students are among one of the groups that are urged to receive a flu shot.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "In general, anyone who wants to reduce their chances of getting the flu can get vaccinated. However, certain people should get vaccinated each year.

"They are either people who are at high risk of having serious flu complications or people who live with, or care for, those at high risk for serious complications."

Anyone over the age of 65, with or without chronic health problems, is in the high-risk group for contracting the virus.

Also, pregnant women, those with diabetes or with illnesses that may weaken their ability to fight infections are urged to get a flu shot.

Children six months and older are at high risk, too. Finally, anyone who resides with someone in one of these high risk groups should also have the vaccine.

However, the flu shot is not for everyone. People with a severe allergy to chicken eggs or that have had a severe reaction to a flu shot in the past, and children less than six months old, should not be vaccinated.

If someone show symptoms of even a moderate illness or fever, they should wait to get the shot.

"People who live in group settings - such as college dorms, group homes, nursing homes, etc., should consider getting the vaccine as well, due to increased exposures and the tendency for the virus to spread more rapidly in these settings," said campus doctor Mary Tanyel. "Healthcare workers should also receive the vaccine for the above reasons."

Having good health habits will also contribute to the prevention of the flu virus. Avoid contact with the infected.

Those who may be sick should cover their mouth and nose and remember hand washing is a great preventative measure. Those who are ill should stay home. Experts say the best way to prevent the virus is to get a flu shot.

Information about flu shots in the local area can be found at www.findaflushot.com.

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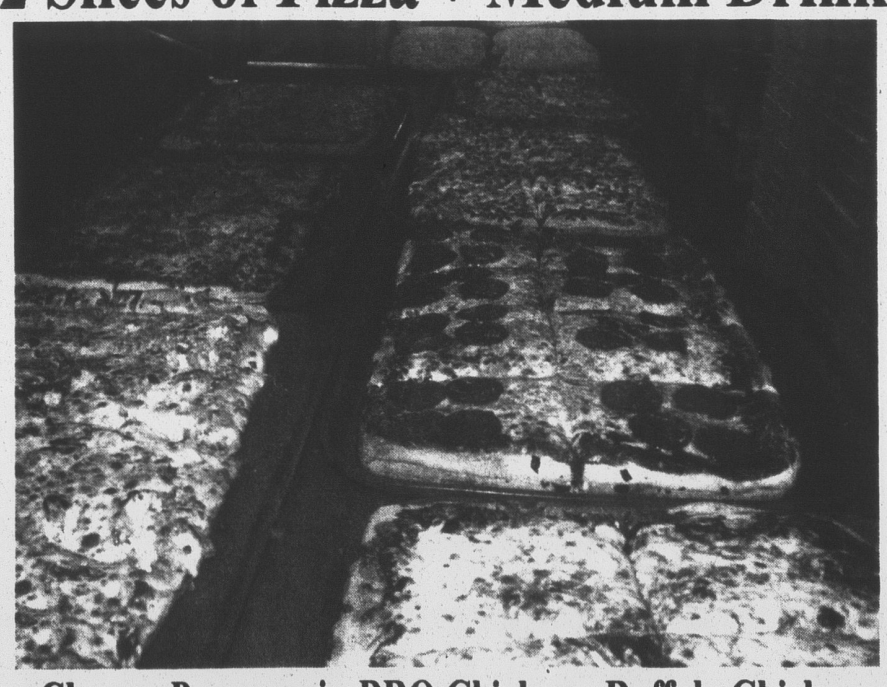

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Campus News

Holcad Highlights

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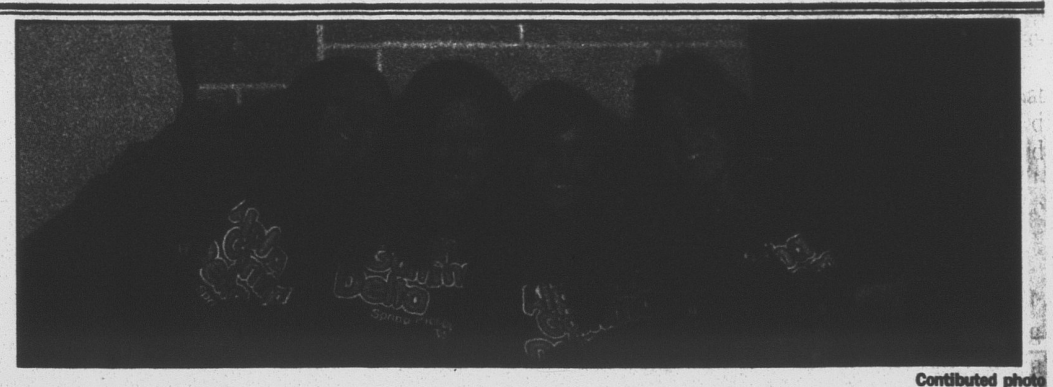
Counting the days

The Count of Monte Cristo **will be performed Nov. 10 through 12 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 13 at 2:00 p.m. Eileen Hendrickson directs the Marshall Bordan adaptation of the Alexander Dumas classic about a young sailor who fights to get back the life taken from him when he is incarcerated.**

Top: Senior Maggie Muir descends to the ground where sophomore Katie Hammond, junior John Buco and LLP student Alex Hines converse.

Middle: Senior Rob Doughty and freshman Desmond Wallace look on as junior Mick Henninger throttles Hines.

Bottom: Henninger pauses for a moment during rehearsal.



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Maids & Tutors

Carrie Brynda, Amanda Petrovich, Alison McNary and Ashley Pierson pose for the Maid & Tutor Auction, a philanthropy event raising money for juvenile diabetes. Bids ranged from five to more than 50 dollars. Tutors for specific subjects and maids to clean dorm rooms were auctioned off. Prizes also included gift certificates for local businesses.

Don't mess with TEXAS

Photo by Serah Stauffer

Although they have a nation of their own, these Texans drive more than 18 hours to school.

By Angela Donnell
Campus writer

A number of campus students hail from the great state of Texas. They bring with them Texas pride and the yearning to share their experiences with the campus.

This year, six students have ventured the 1,611 miles from Texas to Pennsylvania to attend this small college in the heart of Amish paradise. Four of the six students are freshmen who heard about Westminster in various ways.

"My reverend at my church got a letter about scholarships," freshman Katherine Harrington said. "We then looked into the school, and I decided to go here."

The college is a family tradition for another freshman, Rachel Streightoff.

"My mom's originally from Pa.," Streightoff said. "She went here."

Another freshman, Justin Rivas discovered the college through his friend and fellow Texan Garrett Horvath.

"I came up to visit Garrett and he showed me around," Rivas said. "It seemed like a good fit."

Moving so far away from home has proven to be a blessing and a challenge for the students.

"It's good to have freedom and to get away from high school life," junior Todd Atwood said. "However, it's rough not being able to go home for short breaks."

Sophomore Garrett Horvath also remarked on the difficulty of the long distance. "Three of us drive the 18-hour trip together. It's difficult not being able to escape on the weekends," he said.

For other students, finding a way to get all of their stuff to campus is their main obstacle.

"Figuring how to get all of my dorm stuff into one car was difficult," freshman Kate Starnes said.

Most of the students agree that the biggest difference between Texas and Pennsylvania is the weather, while smaller cultural differences also interest them.

"We use the word Coke instead of soda or pop," Harrington said. "So in restaurants, the waitress will ask if we would like a Coke meaning all kinds of soft drinks, not just Coca-Cola."

Snow is something that Texans don't get to see often, and the students are eagerly awaiting the first big snowfall.

"I've never seen large amounts of snow before," Rivas said. "I'm looking forward to seeing an actual snowstorm."

Atwood and Horvath, who have seen snow before, stress that snow is good but the cold weather is unpleasant.

"I like the snow, but I hate the cold," Horvath said.

Thankfully, the Texans' hometowns were not directly affected by Hurricane Katrina last August. Indirectly, however, their towns are a part of the greater effort to help victims.

"We had a lot of displaced people relocate into our area," Harrington said. "All kinds of fundraisers are going on in Texas right now for the victims."

Similarly, Atwood says that his hometown has helped quite a few victims. "A solid amount of victims are now attending my high school," he said.

Cheers

Oxford Journal Logs

Scotland has amazing rolling hills unlike any in the states. If you look beyond the hills you see high mountain tops through a haze of fog creating almost a mirage-like scene. Near Glasgow airport some of the landscape is flatter and golf courses are in view from the train. The trains travel very fast, we saw a speed limit sign that read 100 mph. Travelling on the train invites the passengers to view the land which consists mostly of sheep and cattle. Though, sometimes the sheep are so voluminous that the ground resembles one big, puffy cloud.

A train ride from Glasgow to Leuchars via Edinburgh takes about two and half to three hours. From there, a bus travels fifteen minutes before reaching the outskirts of St. Andrews. This was where the British Open was played this past year. The countryside is the flattest we have ever seen. At the very edge of the golf course the sea appears illusional. The sight is similar to looking at the mountains from a distance. It's too bad the Old Course was closed or I might have played (the Old Course is first golf course in the world). Instead I had to play Strathtyrum (one of the six St. Andrews' courses) which still was an experience in itself.

Scotsmen are known for their whiskey. It definitely takes a strong person to drink some. I tried Port, red wine, white wine, and another type of hard alcohol. Each was very hard to swallow but I managed through most of it. Even several of the Scots that we drank with watered down their whiskey so it was more pleasurable.

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Suitcase

Party postponed due to inclimate weather

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tant to keep up with the former tradition and not let it die off after two years of reinstitution-and there is no foreseeable end to this event as long as there is still interest from the campus at large.

"Winning the Suitcase Party was the most unexpected and exciting experience I've had here at Westminster. To suddenly be on the warm beaches in Daytona, Florida from cold and rainy New Wilmington was amazing. I couldn't have asked for a better time, and now looking back, it all seems like a dream," junior 2004 Suitcase Party grand prize co-winner Kirstan Gides said.

Theta Chi brothers wish to bring this experience to more students in the near future.

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High	High 67	High 62	High 58	High 60
Low	Low 50	Low 42	Low 38	Low 41
Mostly sunny, windy and warm	Mostly cloudy; shower possible	A couple of showers possible	Clouds breaking for some sun	Sun and clouds

Friday	Saturday
High 60	High 56
Low 42	Low 46
Partly sunny	Overcast with rain possible

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	6:56 a.m.	5:13 p.m.
Saturday	6:57 a.m.	5:12 p.m.
Sunday	6:58 a.m.	5:11 p.m.
Monday	6:59 a.m.	5:10 p.m.
Tuesday	7:01 a.m.	5:09 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	10:01 a.m.	6:45 p.m.
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Sunday	12:08 p.m.	8:50 p.m.
Monday	12:56 p.m.	10:05 p.m.
Tuesday	1:35 p.m.	11:22 p.m.

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First	Full	Last	New
Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 23	Dec 1

Weather History

Until a cold wave on Nov. 4, 1991, sent temperatures down to minus 3, Minneapolis had never had subzero cold so early. However, this city has endured January mornings with temperatures of minus 40.

Regional Cities

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Butler, PA	70	48	s	68	52	sh	64	46	sh	59	38	pc	58	40	sh
Cambridge, OH	73	53	s	71	52	sh	67	46	sh	64	39	pc	63	40	sh
Canton, OH	71	53	s	66	50	sh	65	44	sh	61	40	pc	59	41	sh
Cincinnati, OH	74	56	s	70	54	sh	65	49	r	65	44	pc	67	49	s
Clarion, PA	65	51	s	63	49	sh	61	44	sh	55	39	sh	56	40	sh
Clarksburg, WV	73	50	s	73	54	pc	68	47	sh	62	40	pc	62	41	pc
Cleveland, OH	70	53	s	66	51	sh	60	46	sh	58	41	pc	57	43	sh
Columbus, OH	72	56	s	68	54	sh	67	46	sh	62	42	pc	61	44	sh
Cumberland, MD	69	50	s	69	52	s	68	49	sh	62	42	sh	60	40	pc
Erie, PA	68	54	pc	65	50	sh	60	45	sh	54	44	sh	56	44	sh
Franklin, PA	65	50	s	62	49	sh	62	45	sh	54	39	pc	57	40	sh
Greensburg, PA	70	55	s	69	53	sh	66	46	sh	60	41	sh	57	43	sh
Greenville, PA	67	52	s	64	49	sh	63	44	sh	57	40	pc	55	41	sh
Grove City, PA	67	51	s	65	50	sh	61	45	sh	56	38	pc	58	40	sh
Hagerstown, MD	72	50	s	74	52	s	70	48	sh	64	44	sh	62	44	pc
Indiana, PA	69	54	s	68	54	sh	65	46	sh	57	42	sh	57	41	sh
Jamestown, NY	63	51	pc	61	47	sh	58	42	sh	50	37	sh	50	40	sh
Kittanning, PA	69	54	s	69	53	sh	65	46	sh	59	41	sh	59	42	sh
Lisbon, OH	71	53	s	66	50	sh	66	46	sh	60	41	pc	57	43	sh
Mansfield, OH	70	54	s	65	50	sh	61	46	sh	61	41	pc	57	41	sh
Marietta, OH	76	54	s	74	55	pc	68	47	sh	62	41	pc	64	43	sh
McKeesport, PA	70	52	s	68	53	sh	64	46	sh	59	40	pc	62	44	sh
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New Castle, PA	71	53	s	68	50	sh	63	44	sh	58	40	pc	60	42	sh
Oil City, PA	66	51	s	64	49	sh	62	45	sh	55	40	pc	58	41	sh
Pittsburgh, PA	72	52	s	68	50	sh	62	44	sh	62	40	sh	60	40	sh
Sharon, PA	70	52	s	66	49	sh	64	44	sh	58	39	pc	57	42	sh
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Warren, OH	70	53	s	67	50	sh	65	46	sh	58	40	pc	57	42	sh
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Wheeling, WV	70	54	s	69	53	sh	65	47	sh	63	42	pc	57	43	sh
Youngstown, OH	70	52	s	67	49	sh	65	46	sh	58	40	pc	56	42	sh
Wooster, OH	70	52	s	66	49	sh	68	44	sh	60	38	pc	56	39	sh
Zanesville, OH	76	53	s	72	53	sh	67	47	sh	65	39	pc	63	41	sh

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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Sports

Westminster women's soccer upset by Grove City in PAC tournament semifinals

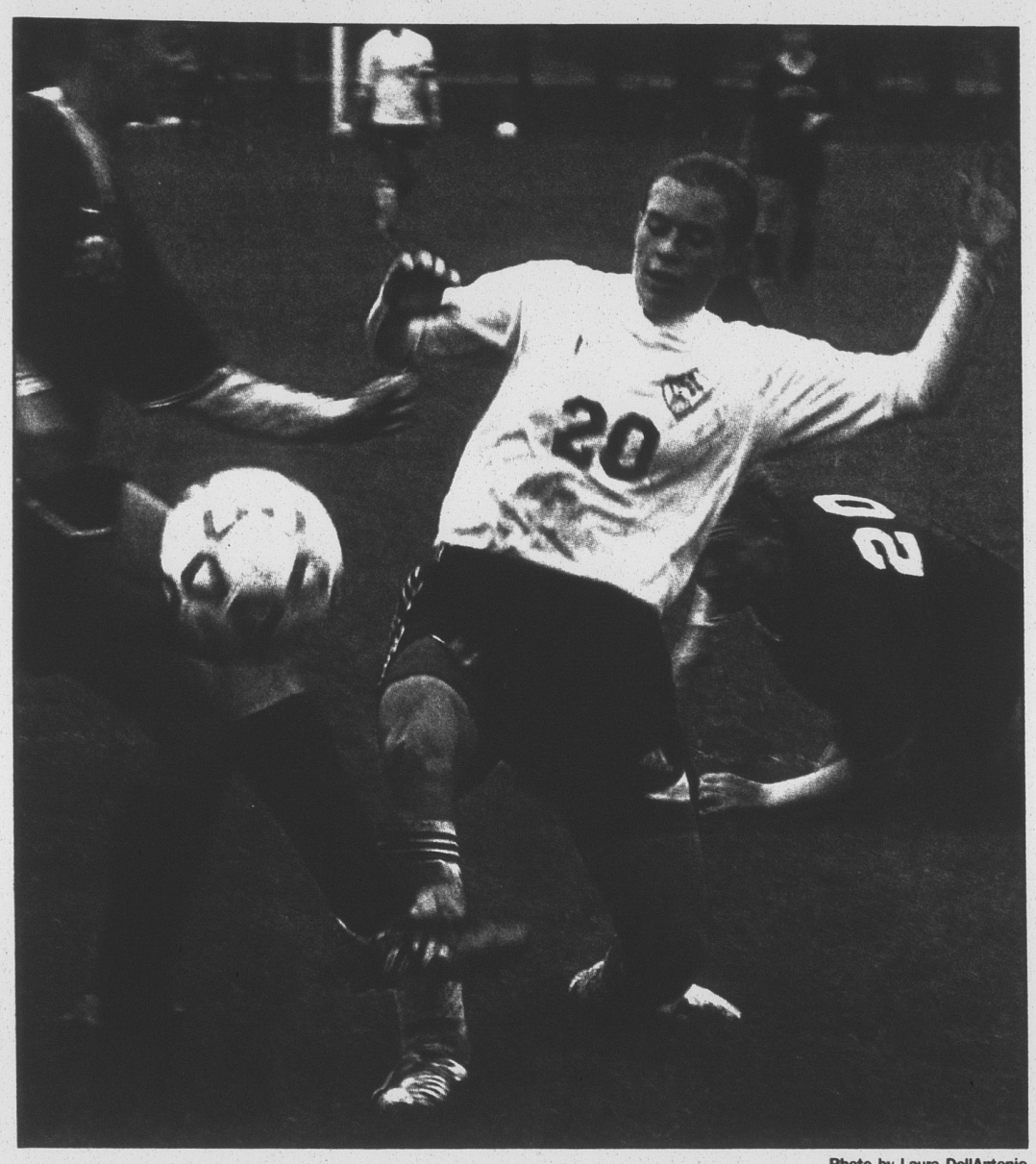


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Freshman midfielder Christina Adams challenges two Wolverines.

The Titan women's soccer team saw its stay in the 2005 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship Tournament come to an abrupt halt Tuesday in New Wilmington, as the top-seeded Lady Titan kickers were upset at home by fourth-seeded Grove City. The two teams played to a 1-1 double-overtime tie before Grove City advanced via a 4-2 margin in corner kicks.

Grove City (6-11-2) will now advance to the PAC championship contest on Saturday at third-seeded Thomas More, which upset #2 Washington & Jefferson (0-0 in double OT, 2-0 in penalty kicks). Westminster (16-4-1) will hope for an at-large berth to the NCAA Division III Playoffs, to be announced on Nov. 6.

Grove City took the lead in the 34th minute of play, as Laura Shipley scored an unassisted goal to put the Wolverines ahead 1-0 at the half. Westminster rallied to tie the contest 1-1 just two minutes into the second half, as sophomore forward Mallory Bugel scored her team's and the PAC's 20th highest goal of the season assisted by junior forward Sarah Calderone. Both teams had scoring chances the rest of the way, including Lady Titan junior forward Christa Andamasaris hitting the crossbar with a shot in overtime, but remained tied after two extra sessions. In the penalty kicks, Westminster led 2-1 after two kickers, but Grove City rallied with three conseucitive goals while stopping Westminster twice to advance.

Lady Titan freshman goalkeeper Whitney Griffin made eight saves in the contest. Westminster outshot Grove City 39-13 and held a 3-1 margin in corner kicks.

Titan volleyball gears up for PAC tourney

By Tom Heath
Staff Writer

Starting on Friday afternoon, Nov. 4, the Lady Titan volleyball team will look to achieve their goal of winning a PAC championship as well as the possibility of an NCAA berth.

The women will travel to Waynesburg as the number four seed after a fourth place regular season conference finish. The tourney is rounded out with Washington & Jefferson, Thomas More and host team Waynesburg. The Lady Titans will play a very tough Waynesburg team that defeated the Titans in two close season matches. Despite this, Coach Tammy Swearingen is very optimistic.

"We can knock them off," Swearingen said. "I know that we have the ability and the talent to do so; the thing is getting them to believe it."

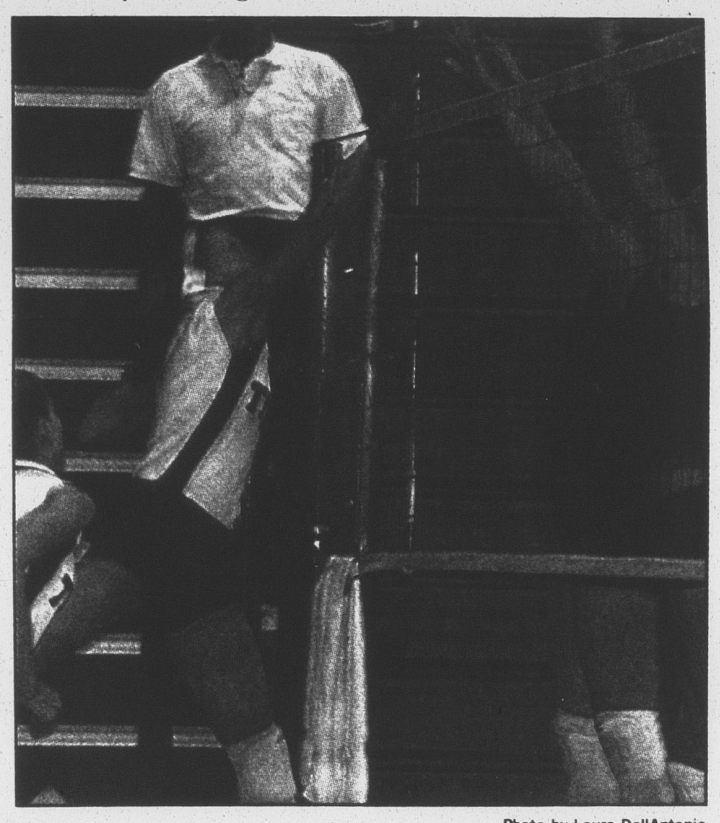
The PAC has seen lots of upsets this season: the Lady Titan soccer team was upset by Grove City on Tuesday, and Thiel's undefeated football season was upset also. Despite the odds, if the Lady Titan volleyball team plays to their capability, there is a good chance that they can upset Waynesburg.

"Our girls need to play with a swagger and confidence, but not be cocky," Swearingen said. "They need to go in with the mentality that they can beat anyone."

The PAC volleyball tournament is also different than in years previous. In the past, all teams in the conference made the tournament, and its location rotated on a year-to-year basis. However, in order to make the tournament better, Swearingen pushed to change the location to the top seed and allow only the top four teams from the regular season to compete for the title.

There have also been some vast changes in place for the whole PAC conference. Especially in volleyball, the PAC competition has just become much more difficult. This year, Thomas More was added to conference play, and in the next few years, St. Vincent College and long time Westminster foe Geneva College will be added to the PAC. With the addition of these three teams, the PAC will not receive an auto bid to the NCAA post-season in all athletics. The athletic directors in the conference petitioned for the auto bids to take place this year; however, the NCAA held the line and did not give in.

The next few years will be exciting, but this weekend, an NCAA berth may become a reality for our Lady Titan volleyball team. Good luck to them on Friday at Waynesburg!



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Sophomore Diana Conzett spikes the ball over the net.

Titans fall in final seconds

By Steven Brink
Staff Writer

Frostburg State's Mike Gray blocked Dusty Rhodes with just under a minute to play to help pave the way for a 16-13 comeback victory over Westminster Saturday. Gray's blocked kick was recovered at the Westminster 30-yard line. Two plays later, Mark Sedlock nailed the 41-yard game-winning field goal to send the Titans to 0-5 at home on the season.

Statistically, the two teams were just about even. Westminster out-gained the Bobcats by two yards (249-247). Both teams had seven penalties, and both were 7-17 on 3rd down conversions.

Despite the even statistics, Westminster was in control of the game up until the final minutes. The Titans built up a 6-3 halftime lead off of two Chris Castillo field goals. Mark Sedlock tied the game early in the 3rd quarter with his 32-yard field goal. And then Westminster took back the lead on an 11-yard Jordan Belosh touchdown reception early in the 4th quarter.

On that touchdown drive, the Titans started off with excellent field position after a 30-yard punt from Frostburg's Tom Vanik. Quarterback J.R. Barley found Josh Bero for 11 yards on the first play of the drive. Then four plays later Barley hooked up with Belosh for the Titans only touchdown of the day.

It was another good day for Barley at quarterback. The junior from Beaver Falls has really stepped up his game here in the latter part of October. Barley was 20 of 31 for 161 yards with one touchdown and one interception. However, that one interception came at a crucial point in the ball game.

Frostburg had just tied the game at 13 apiece after Jimmy Ward's 43-yard touchdown strike to wideout T.J. Changuris. Six plays into the next Titan drive, Barley was intercepted by defensive end Kevin Culbert on a halfback screen pass. It was a heck of a play by the standout defensive end who was limited to only one and a half sacks on the day (he had 16.5 coming into the game).

Fortunately for the Titans, that turnover didn't hurt them. Three plays after the Barley pick, Sedlock's 43-yard field goal attempt sailed wide left.

As for the next turnover, that one did hurt.

Following the missed field goal, the Titans tried to move the ball downfield. After a completion to wide receiver Jake Buzzard and an incomplete pass, the Titans were forced to run the ball on 3rd and two. Sean Buggey, who had 96 yards on the day, was stopped for no gain on the 3rd down play. Dusty Rhodes came on to punt, but Mike Gray came out of nowhere to block the kick.

After a completed pass to Desmond Wars, Jimmy Ward spiked the ball on 2nd down to stop the clock at 14 seconds. Mark Sedlock came onto the field for the second time in the final minute, and nailed the game-winning 41-yard field goal.

It was a heartbreaking loss for the Titans. Westminster played one of its best games of the season and did everything they had to do to win. They just couldn't hold off the Bobcats in the end.

On defense for the Titans, nose tackle Ryan Chmura posted a career-high 14 tackles and 1.5 sacks as he was named PAC Defensive Player of the Week. Linebacker Jason Fridley had 10 tackles, and senior defensive end Adam Hadbavny added 9 while also recovering a fumble.

Westminster is back in action this Saturday as they host PAC rival Grove City. The Wolverines are 0-4 on the road this year, and Westminster is 0-5 at home, so something's got to give in this one. Kickoff is set for 1:00 p.m.

Titan Sports Shorts

Men's and women's cross country compete at PAC championships

The men's & women's cross country teams competed this weekend at the PAC championships, hosted by Thiel College at the Greenville Airport in Greenville, Pa. The Titan men placed fourth out of six teams, while the Lady Titans were sixth in a six-team field.

The Titan men were led by freshman Aaron Titus, who earned All-PAC Second Team honors after placing 15th out of 66 runners in a time of 28:44 over the eight-kilometer course. Other Titan finishers included sophomore Willie DeLair in 20th place in 29:12; junior Scott Seserko in 25th place in 29:38; freshman Andrew Brown in 34th place in 30:45; and freshman James Bryan in 37th place in 30:55.

The Lady Titans were paced by junior Amy Carroll, who finished in 26th place in a 55-runner field with a six-kilometer time of 27:23. Other Westminster times included freshman LeighAnn Jordan in 33rd place in 28:08; senior Maggie Muir in 34th place in 28:11; junior Kelly Spisak in 43rd place in 29:51; and junior Alissa Bookwalter in 44th place in 29:56.

Ryan Chmura named PAC football Defensive Player of the Week

Titan football standout Ryan Chmura has been named Defensive Player of the Week by the PAC for the week ending Oct. 30.

Chmura, a senior nose tackles for Westminster, posted a game- and career-high 14 total tackles (six solo, eight assisted) along with team-high totals of 2.5 tackles for losses and 1.5 QB sacks for the Titans in a 16-13 non-conference loss to Frostburg State.

Westminster football (3-5, 1-3 PAC) closes its home schedule this Saturday (Nov. 5) with a PAC matchup against Grove City beginning at 1 p.m.

Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

Favre Floundering

While sitting on my couch on a typical Sunday afternoon, I realized that I've been denying something for so long - simply because I didn't want it to end. Brett Favre's reign as the iconic leader of the Green Bay Packers has come to an end.

In the fourth quarter of a five interception performance against the Cincinatti Bengals, Favre whisked away what little hope the Packers might have had to salvage the season.

While localizing the story is so ever important here in "Titan-Land," one may ask why I chose to write about Brett Favre and the Green Bay Packers? Brett Favre is a legend and has drawn criticism in the past couple years as to whether his play has declined.

At this notion I've often declined. I've stuck up for Favre, saying, "You're crazy to think Brett Favre has lost it. Favre is one of the greatest to ever play the game."

Favre still is one of the greatest to ever step under center; however, I've recently come to the terms that there has been a definite decline in Favre's play.

The Packers are 1-6 after their most recent loss to the Bengals. With under ten seconds to play the Packers stepped to the line of scrimmage, everyone on the field expecting Favre to spike the football. However, Brett faked the spike, fooling 21 of the 22 players on the field.

Favre, the only player knowing what was going on, tried to find a receiver. Players stood and watched as Favre frantically looked for someone to throw too. However, the only open receiver was tight end Bubba Franks, a mere five yards downfield.

As Favre flicked an underhand pass to Franks and tumbled over a Bengal defender, leaving Favre on his back, sharing my sentiment of, "What in the name of Vince Lombardi has just happened?"

As a fan of professional athletics, I have seen many athletes "hang on to the dream" maybe a little too long, jettisoning away any dignity they might have still had.

Favre's story is one that reeks of football immortality. Two Super Bowl appearances, a Super Bowl victory in 1997 and three consecutive MVP awards are only a few highlights that will leave the number "4" forever etched in the darkest depths of Lambeau Field.

I realized that a constant in my life, Brett Favre's reign at the top of the NFL, has unfortunately come to an end. It is time for Brett to graciously step down, leaving the NFL as exactly what he is - one of the finest men ever to play the game.

Jason Mackey is a senior broadcast communications major. He can be seen weekly on Coach's Corner (7 p.m. on the WCN) and also meets the mandatory "Abercrombie Requirement" for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

A&E Arts & Entertainment

North Country

MINING FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

My movie buddy, Alicia Heinle, made quite a poignant remark about *North Country*. She said that she (and pretty much anyone in our generation) couldn't ever imagine working in an environment that wasn't conducive to women or feel like she couldn't speak out about injustice. This film is inspired by the true story of the first sexual harassment case against a coal mining company.

Charlize Theron plays Josie Aimes, a battered woman who decides to leave her abusive husband. She packs up her son and daughter and goes back to her hometown in northern Minnesota to start life anew. She moves back in with her parents and decides to work in the local coal mine in order to make good money. Her father works in the coal mine and doesn't approve of her decision to work in the mines with the men. However, his attitude toward Josie is bitter for other reasons that subplots in the film reveal.

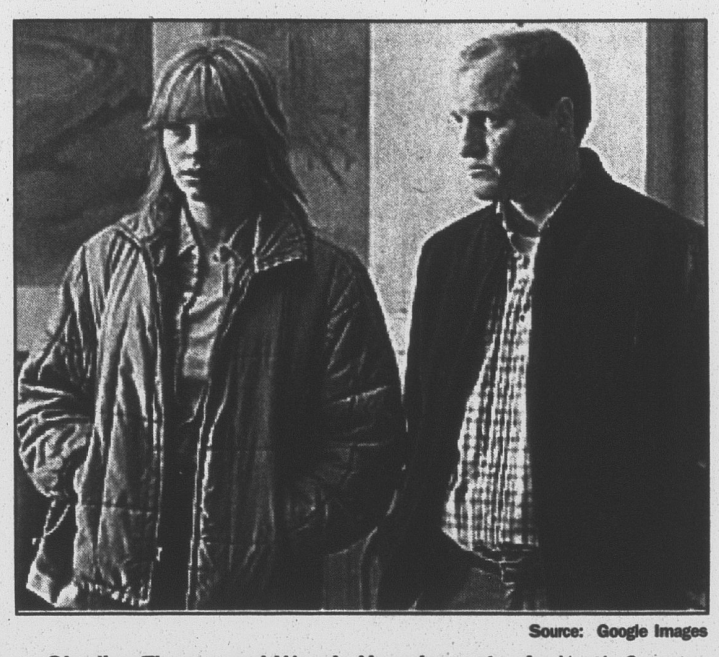
Josie befriends the few other women that brave the mines, but learns quickly that it takes a tough woman to survive the conditions. It's not just the dangerous physical conditions, but the conditions the men place upon the women that range from spreading feces on the wall to leaving "surprises" in their lockers. The harassment becomes downright disgusting and infuriating as Josie begins to crack.

After a particularly disturbing incident, Josie quits working in the mine and decides to sue the company for harassment. She faces many obstacles from the unsympathetic bureaucrats to trying to gain support from her fellow female coworkers. Though they deal with harassment everyday, her coworkers fear what the men will do to them if they dare to speak up against them.

On the surface, this film may appear to just be a feminist story and lawsuit. However, this is a much better film than a superficial trial story. Most of the film does not occur in a courtroom, and Charlize Theron completes a brilliant and moving performance worthy of an Oscar nod. The most impressive part of the film is the character development. Josie's struggle obviously shapes her character, but there is some amazing development with her relationship with her father, mother, friends, and children.

North Country goes beyond telling the story of one begotten individual; it tells a story that everyone can relate to and understand. It tells a story of those without power standing up and taking power from those who abuse it. We see the wronged seeking justice, and as cheesy as it may seem, it feels pretty good to see that every once in a while in a world that seems to be shrouded in injustice.

Rating: A-



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Charlize Theron and Woody Harrelson star in *North Country*, the story of the first sexual harrassment lawsuit in mining.

Sherri is a junior English major with a film studies minor. Sherri is known to be gruff until she's had her daily caffeine fix. Of course, after the gruffness clears, she'll never stop yammering in your ear.

Local band releases first album

After recording debut album, Springhill prepares for on-campus release party Nov. 11

By Colin Dean
Co-editor-in-chief

A local band that formed on campus released its debut album Oct. 24.

Springhill recorded its first album, A Year from the Valley, at Soundscape Studios in McKeesport, Pa. and is selling CDs at its shows and online at www.onspringhill.com.

Junior Dan Prokop, lead vocalist and pianist for the band, met junior Hugh "Chip" Hothem, percussionist, during their freshman year as neighbors in Russell Hall.

"The first night we were here, we played guitar together," Prokop said.

The duo began writing songs, combining Hothem's poetry with Prokop's musical compositions. By the end of the school year, Prokop introduced Hothem to Jeremy Harchelroad, a friend from Prokop's hometown of Elizabeth, Pa. That summer, the trio played a number of shows together throughout western Pennsylvania.

Springhill now comprises five members. In addition to Prokop, Hothem and Harchelroad, Josh LaValle, another of Prokop's friends from home, and freshman J.D. Eicher have signed on with the band.

"J.D. and Josh bring creativity of their own, strengthening our sound," Hothem said. "We are very excited to have them; they both have a lot of talent."

The band recorded its album during the summer of 2005 amid a busy show schedule. They appeared at a number of pubs and coffee shops including Club Cafe, where both John Mayer and Norah Jones have previously performed. The band also played at a blues festival and at the Uptown Theatre in Washington, Pa. Then they spent three days in the studio: two days recording and one day mixing. Afterward, the album was sent to Soundscape to be mastered.

Prokop likens the band's sound to that of Counting Crows, Jack Johnson, Howie Day and Ben Folds.

"Some of the more piano-based songs sound rather 'Ben-Foldian,'" Prokop said.

"There's no greater gift than to play in front of an audience and have them enjoy your music. " Hothem said.

In addition to its album, the band sells merchandise ranging from buttons to T-shirts on its website.

The band is hosting a CD release party at 8 p.m. on Nov. 11 in the Club Room of McKelvey. Acoustic performer Brandon Hewitt will be opening the show.

There's no greater gift than to play in front of an audience and have them enjoy your music.
Chip Hothem, junior

Prokop and Eicher will be playing an acoustic set at Mugsies in New Wilmington on Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. All but Harchelroad, who attends Case Western Reserve University, will play at the Coffee Grove in Grove City, Pa. on Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. The band plans to play future shows in the New York and New Jersey area as well as in Cleveland, Ohio.

Other bands that have recorded at Soundscape Studios include Anti-Flag, Buzz Poets and Punchline. Punchline and Buzz Poets played on campus during the 2003-2004 school year.

Source: www.onspringhill.com

Harchelroad, Prokop and Hothem in an early PR photo.

Pizza Perfection

LEAH FAVORS PIZZA JOE'S OVER DOMINO'S

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

As I flipped through the yellow pages for the letter "P," pizza places go on and on. This week I'm comparing two local pizza restaurants, Pizza Joe's and Domino's, because these two seem to be the most prevalent among Westminster students.

Okay, let's discuss similarities between the two. They both serve pizza.

What's different? Pizza Joe's has a dining area to sit down and enjoy dinner. Domino's is carry out and delivery only. Pizza Joe's does not deliver, but that short walk up the street will help get your metabolism in a higher gear to burn off all those carbs you're about to eat!

Pizza Joe's is open from 11a.m. until 10p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and on Friday and Saturday nights open until 11p.m. Domino's is open from 3p.m. until 11p.m. Monday through Thursday, 3pm till 12a.m. Friday, 11a.m. till 12am Saturday, and 11a.m. till 11p.m. on Sunday.

Now as I re-read what I just wrote about Domino's hours, I know that's not always the case. Last year after a dance theater practice around 10:15 p.m. I was hungry from missing dinner. So I figured I would call Domino's. Much to my dismay, they informed me that they turned the ovens off and were closing early. I was not happy, but oh well. So the next night I figured I would try again. Same time, same situation. I called around 10:15 for a pizza, but this time the delivery guy was already out, and the worker said when he got back he wouldn't want to do another run because it was getting late. He didn't want to do another run? That's his job. So that is my beef with Domino's. Just thought I would share, because we wouldn't want anyone getting hungry past 10:00pm and be stuck in that situation.

Okay, on to prices. While Pizza Joe's offers a 4 cut, 6 cut, 8 cut, 9 cut, and 12 cut, Domino's only offers 8 cuts in two different sizes: 12 inch and 14 inch. While Pizza Joe's' 9 cut is $7.20, Domino's' 12 inch 8 cut is $9.99. This continues with the larger pizzas. Pizza Joe's offers a square or round 12 cut for only $9.22 where Domino's sells their 14 inch 8 cut for $11.99. Both places make specialty pizzas, with Pizza Joe's large specialty pizzas all under $13.24. Domino's specialty pizzas go all the way up to $17.99. Ouch.

While Domino's prices are a little on the threatening side to our wallets, they do offer some specials. On Tuesdays, you can buy one regular large pizza and get another of equal or lesser value for free. But on any day at Pizza Joe's, you can get two 9 cuts for $15.00. At Domino's you can get free cinnastix when you buy one 12 inch pizza. I like that. The College Special at Domino's offers a large pizza for $5.99...but only on Wednesdays. I don't like this calendar stuff. Just give me a good deal.

Students are also able to get a large one-topping pizza for $8.99. But make sure you ask for it, because I ordered a pizza about a month ago and did not know about that deal, and they charged me the full $11.99, and then with my breadsticks, my grand total was $18.00 and some odd cents.

I'm sorry, but that is way too much out of a college wallet. I'd personally rather walk and save some money.

And I think Pizza Joe's tastes better, too.

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

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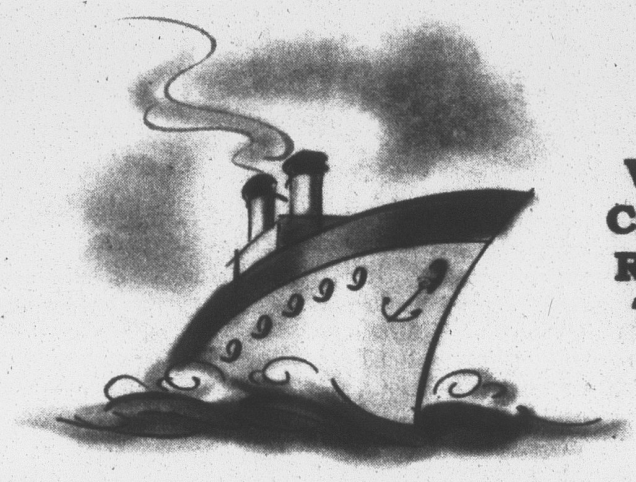

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Calendar

November 04, 2005

Volleyball at PAC Championships
Last Day to Withdraw, if Approved ($15 Fee)
Drop One Class (First-Year Students Only, $15 Fee)
11:40 AM - 12:10 AM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM "The Mars Show" – Planetarium, 116 Hoyt
7:30 PM Wind Ensemble Concert – Orr Auditorium

November 05, 2005

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM College Bowl – CANCELLED – TO BE RESCHEDULED – MCC Club/Lounge
12:00 PM LAN Games IV - - Hoyt 228 (McElree)
1:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming at Ashland
1:00 PM Women's Soccer Hosts PAC Championship Game
1:00 PM Men's Soccer PAC Championship Game at Highest Remaining Seed
1:00 PM Volleyball at Waynesburg, PA (PAC Championship Game)
1:00 PM Football vs. Grove City (H) – Burry Stadium
7:00 PM "The Mars Show" – Planetarium, 116 Hoyt
7:00 PM Mass – Wallace Memorial Chapel
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Night Owl Bowling (two vans) – MCC Entrance, Shaw Side

November 06, 2005

3:00 PM Opera Westminster Presents Operetta: Der Fledermaus – Orr Auditorium
7:00 PM Vespers – Wallace Memorial Chapel

November 07, 2005

REGISTRATION – MCC Witherspoon Rooms
Sorority Meetings
11:40 AM - 12:10 AM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Monday Night Football: Indianapolis Colts vs. New England Patriots – MCC Club
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

November 08, 2005

ELECTION DAY
REGISTRATION – MCC Witherspoon Rooms
6:45 PM Discussion and Film Screening for BC 311, Writing 201/202: Shattered Glass – Phillips Lecture Hall
7:30 PM Concert: Faculty Brass and Woodwind Ensemble – Orr Auditorium
8:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal – Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:30 PM Newman Club – MCC Witherspoon Maple
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

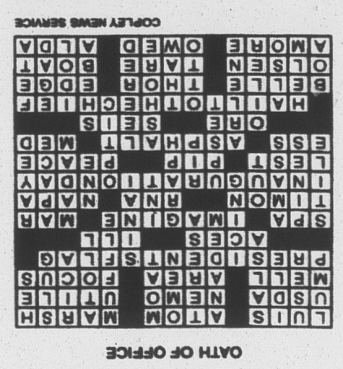
November 09, 2005

REGISTRATION – MCC Witherspoon Rooms
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Prayer and Reflection – Wallace Memorial Chapel
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: David Barner and Bradley Weaver, "The Web as a Broadcasting Tool" – MCC Mueller Theater
6:15 PM Peace Studies Coffeehouse on Fair Trade – MCC Berlin Student Lounge
7:00 PM SGA Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater
7:30 PM Faculty Recital: Anne Gillis, Bassoon – Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship – MCC Club/Lounge

November 10, 2005

REGISTRATION – MCC Witherspoon Rooms
Black Student Union Meeting – MCC 255
Habitat for Humanity Leadership Meeting – MCC 352
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Honors Chorus – Orr Auditorium
12:35 PM Biology/Chemistry Seminar – Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
7:00 PM Guest Speaker: Patricia Polacco, Children's Literature Author/Illustrator – MC Witherspoon Rooms
7:00 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal – Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM "The Mars Show" – Planetarium, 116 Hoyt
7:30 PM Theatre Westminster: Count of Monte Cristo – Beeghly Theater
9:00 PM Stargazing on the Roof of Hoyt (weather permitting) – Meet in Hoyt Lobby
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

Last weeks's answers



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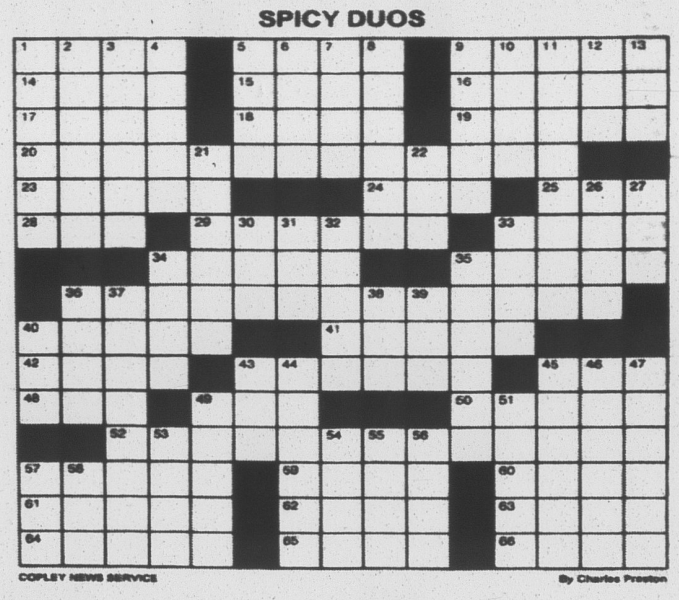

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47 More tangy
49 Orb
51 Disconcerted
53 Affectations
54 Poke around
55 Herbed pickle
56 Gambit
57 Squealer
58 Pilot pro

Sudoku!

This week, *The Holcad* brings to you the newest international craze: sudoku.

To solve a sudoku number puzzle, fill in each blank spot. There should be no duplicate numerals in rows or columns and there should be one of each number in each three by three square.

This puzzle is considered medium difficulty.

If you enjoyed our experiement, let us know! If you want more sudoku puzzles, let us know!

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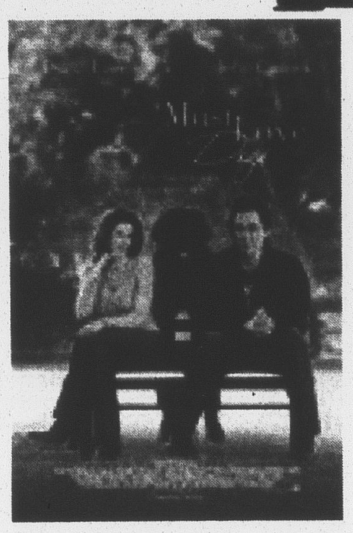
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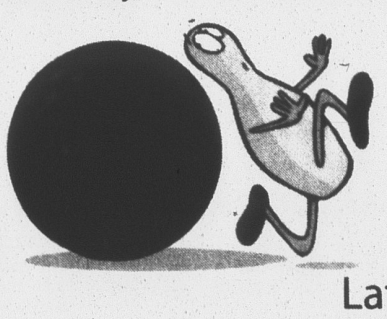
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MONDAY Night Football! 9:00pm Club Room
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Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information
Nov. 11 Titan's Tavern
Nov. 19 Night Owl Bowling
Dec. 2 Titan's Tavern
Dec. 9 Comic- Dan Ahdoot
Dec. 10 Night Owl Bowling

FEATURES

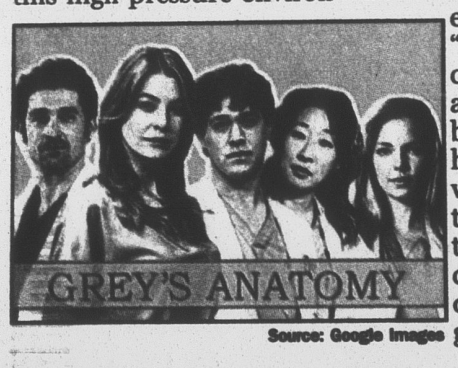
The Best Show You're Not Watching

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

The doctor is in, and this season Dr. Derek Sheperd (Patrick Dempsey) is making all the calls. It's the new best show that you, my fellow students, aren't watching... and should be! "Grey's Anatomy" is in its second season and pulling in huge numbers in the ratings. Last week, 16.7 million viewers watched "Grey's" to claim the #8 spot. "CSI" and "Without a Trace" ranked number one and two, respectively.

"Grey's Anatomy" is a must-see for any and all "Desperate Housewives" watchers. Surprisingly, however, "Grey's" is doing better in the ratings. Ellen Pompeo plays the lead character of Meredith Grey. Grey is a struggling first-year surgical intern at Seattle Grace Hospital. The rest of the cast is made up of four other interns (Izzie, George, Alex and Christina) attempting to succeed in this high pressure environment. They're sleep-deprived, have raging hormones and are trying to make it big. This program showcases their talents, but also dives into their mix-ups as well. Sandra Oh, who plays Cristina Yang, is pregnant with a surgeon's baby. Grey is sleeping around with another surgeon, Sheperd, although she recently found out during last season's cliffhanger finale that, oops, he's still technically married to another woman.

"Grey's Anatomy" follows these five interns into their homes, their bars, their bedrooms and their surgeries. George, the "boy next door", is quite the character, and one can't help but feel sorry for him during his awkward moments. Although he is a fan of the women, they can't help but think of him as one of the gals. Izzie can have quite the attitude, but it's all a cover up for her insecurities over her body image. Alex is a cocky womanizer, but we get to see more of what makes him tick this season. Keep watching for a potential fling between Alex and Izzie. Christina had a miscarriage and lost the baby and is now pursuing a relationship with the surgeon, Preston Burke, despite the fact that he dumped her a few weeks prior.



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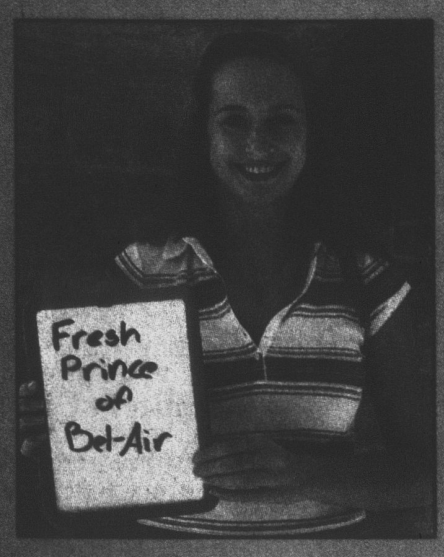
The latest hot "Grey's" debate is over Sheperd's wife, another surgeon who showed up in person this season, and down-to-earth Meredith. Last week Sheperd apparently went nuts and picked his cheating wife over sweet Meredith. This leaves her devastated, but I imagine Sheperd will be regretting his decision by this Sunday. "Grey's Anatomy" has it all: sex, drama and emotional stories that touch our hearts. Check it out on Sundays on ABC at 10 p.m.

Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major, writing minor. Obviously, her new favorite show is "Grey's Anatomy," and she wishes that Dr. Shepered wasn't such a jerk and would just pick Meredith already, since we know it's going to happen sooner or later.

Question of the Week:

What's your favorite TV show?



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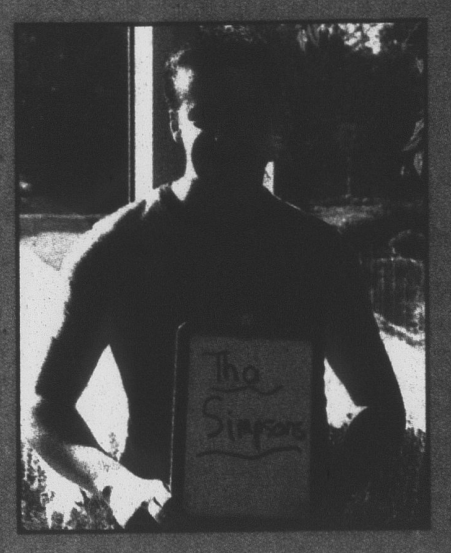

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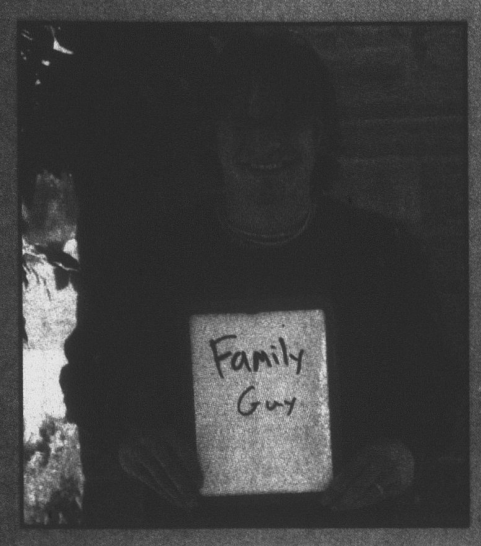

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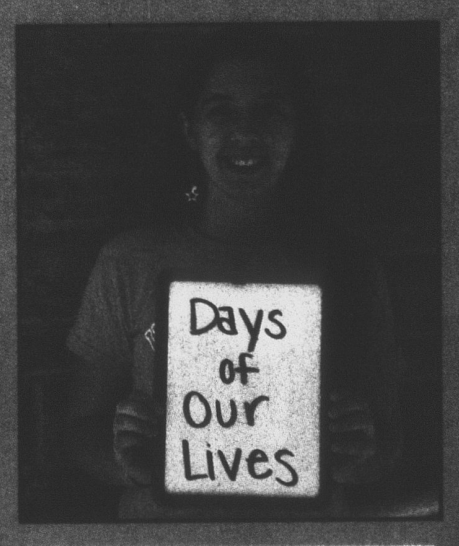

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"Hot or Not" is not so hot

Natalie delves into online relationships

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

MySpace, MySpace on the screen, who is the fairest of them all? I started writing this article on the comical aspect of online communities. I made fun of people's obsession with checking their accounts first thing when they wake up. I also pointed out the hilarious pictures people seem to plaster all over the web. However, after interviewing students on campus, I realized that online communities like MySpace, Hot or Not, Friendster, and Facebook have a much deeper and darker side to them.

I cannot figure out what's so attractive about making a web profile identifying yourself to the millions of users online. Is it the glamour of having your friend-count rise or maybe creating an online identity for yourself? In reality, the truth may be that you have never met half the people on your list and if you did, it might have changed your life forever.

Senior Kathryn Larson shared her unsettling online encounter with me. Last year, her roommate met three reasonably nice guys online and suggested Kathryn give it a try.

"Maybe Mr. Darcy is out there somewhere is what I was thinking," said Kathryn.

She refers to her dream guy as "Mr. Darcy" and if I know Kathryn, he would be a bowtie-wearing and opera-loving extraordinaire. That is exactly who she found on the online website Hot or Not... or so she thought.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Hot or Not, it is a site requiring you to post a picture and profile explaining yourself to others in order for them to rate your so-called "hotness." After receiving a 7.8, Kathryn soon started receiving emails from adoring males.

She came into contact with a 26-year-old student of Duquesne Law School who seemed to meet all her criteria for the ideal guy. After exchanging screen names, "Mr. Darcy" asked her on a date to the Pittsburgh Opera.

After a second date to her formal, "Mr. Darcy's" tone changed as he expressed a dark family history to her.

"I was quite frightened," Kathryn said. "He read me his memoirs. Who has memoirs at 26? Obviously something was off. Even Mr. Darcy doesn't have a memoir!"

From then on, Kathryn kept her distance from him.

Kathryn realizes she was lucky on her date.

"When you meet someone online, there is not much a picture can tell you," Kathryn said.

Other people are not as lucky as she was in her case. There have been thousands of rape and harassment reports of those who dared to go on a date with an online personality. An anonymous Westminster student shared her life-changing experience with me and had some important information to share.

"People online are skilled at what they do and use manipulation to get you to do things that you may not want to," she said.

Her freshman year, she met a man on Hot or Not and became victim of a rape crime while on a date.

"I did not think about what I was doing, especially when you are a freshman and made to believe there is mostly good in the world," she expressed. After talking with the student, I took a deep breath to take in the serious effects rape can have on a person's life.

"It can ruin your life, and I am still finding myself trying to get over it," she said. Those words remain engraved in my mind as to the reality of rape and that it may happen to you, your friend, or family member.

Meeting people online is not as glamorous or fun as I had thought in the past.

"You cannot create any good relationships online," Kathryn said. Online communities should be about the people you know and used to stay in touch with those people.

"I don't know what is wrong with our generation that we cannot be satisfied with meeting people the old fashioned way; the Internet is addictive like a drug,"Kathryn said.

Meeting people for the first time on a personal basis may be just as dangerous as meeting an online friend. On the other hand, with online personalities, you cannot tell if the person is lying, and you cannot read their body language beforehand. The student whom I talked with anonymously also pointed out that there are people in online communities who have created a profile with the pure intent of meeting people and hurting them.

"Information online in communities such as MySpace is so general and are things that everyone can relate to and like," she said.

She informed me that people with bad intentions create profiles with information that will seem attractive to the viewer.

In reality, online communities may become your worst nightmare and what might be equally frightening is their ever growing popularity. Get Net Wise is a website created to provide safety tips for account users. Go to http://kids.getnetwise.org/safetyguide/teens to read over what you can do to protect yourself and your friends.

Natalie Coccia is a junior media art major/PR minor, even though she has yet to declare either. As of now, she is *still* struggling with her love-hate relationship with Myspace.

Q & A with one very vocal woman

Titan Eye Candy

Amanda Hauger takes us inside one student's choral experiences

Contributed photo

Stephanie must be able to perform in French, German, Italian, Latin and English in order to receive her degree. Her best language is Italian.

Stephanie Nicholson never wanted to be an opera singer. In high school, she was the shy kid that never wanted to be the center of attention. Three and a half semesters after arriving at Westminster College, she has performed in many operas as the leading role. So what happened that changed her terror of the spotlight into a blossoming career as an opera singer? Read on, dear readers, to learn more about this budding opera diva extraordinaire!

Stephanie is a senior vocal performance major and hails from Medina, Ohio. She serves as the Spirit and Sisterhood Coordinator for her sorority, Kappa Delta. Stephanie has two sisters and two brothers and a big, fat cat named Meow-Meow. Until this year, she was a vocal performance and music education double major but decided she didn't really want to teach. After discussing the situation with her parents, she decided to use her talents and energy solely on opera.

Die Fledermaus is the latest opera Stephanie will perform in. She has six others under her belt including *The Coffee Cantata*, *The Magic Flute*, *Hansel & Gretel*, an operetta review of *When the Lights go Down*, *Carmen*, and *Opera Italiano*.

In *Die Fledermaus*, Stephanie plays the character of Rosalinda, an upper-class woman having an affair with an Italian tenor, played by Dean Mann.

"My character is sweet, melodramatic and has a bit of a temper," Stephanie said.

Stephanie has been singing since the age of three. In sixth grade, she was asked to join the honors chorus and started singing as an alto. After much training, she is now a lyric soprano. Stephanie's first big break came during her freshman year.

"The lead for the opera dropped out. An all-campus email was sent out for an audition to fill the position. I auditioned and got the leading role," Stephanie said.

She must be able to perform in French, German, Italian, Latin and English in order to receive her degree. Her best language is Italian.

"The process is fairly easy," Stephanie said. "We get a piece of music and look up the English translation. We attend classes that help us with the correct pronunciation and interpretation, creating a real piece. We don't necessarily learn the entire language, just how to speak and sing it correctly."

Stephanie attended a vocal competition in Philadelphia over fall break. Although she didn't win for her age group, she was competing against women who teach vocal training, which is pretty tough competition. Stephanie admits she is still in the learning phase of mastering the art of opera.

Stephanie and company take the stage to perform *Die Fledermaus* on Nov. 6 and 7 at 3:00 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. The opera is free and open to the public.

Stephanie might be good at memorizing opera, but she excels at the wide range of Disney princess movies as well. If you get a chance, ask her to recite the part of Belle from the classic *Beauty and the Beast*. She'll do so eagerly.

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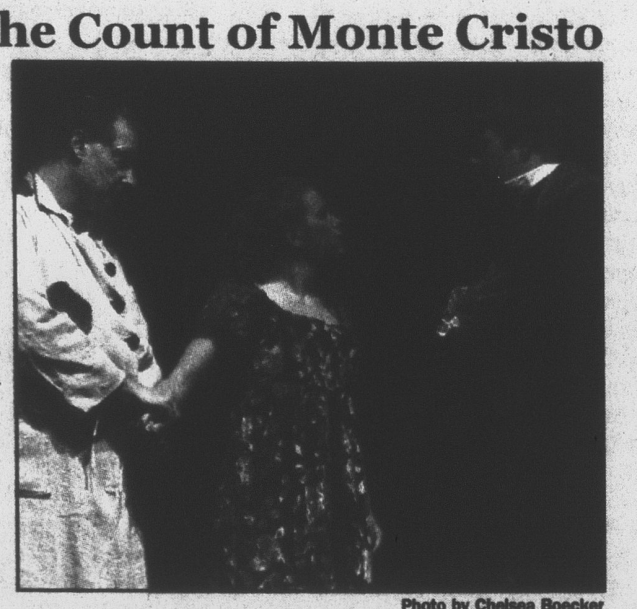

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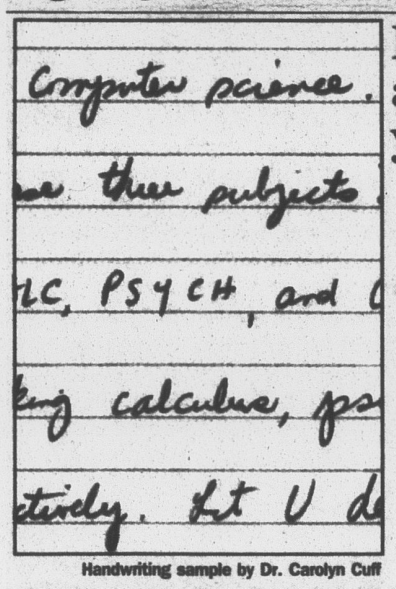

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Number of songs played per hour on Titan Radio

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Friday: Chilly with sunny spells, 47/32
Saturday: Sunshine; nice in the p.m., 52/38
Sunday: Sunshine and pleasant, 64/42

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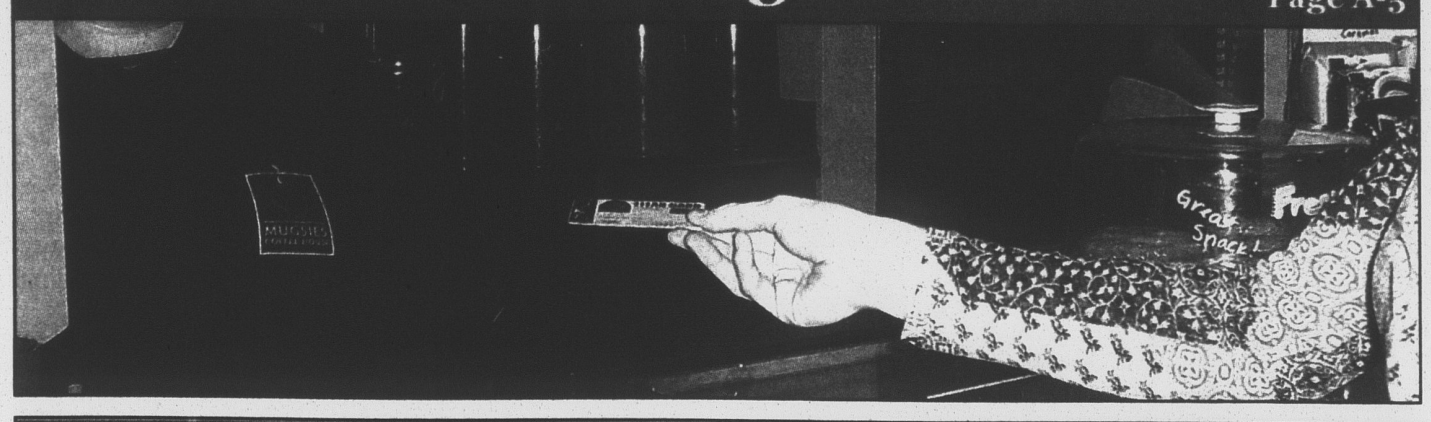

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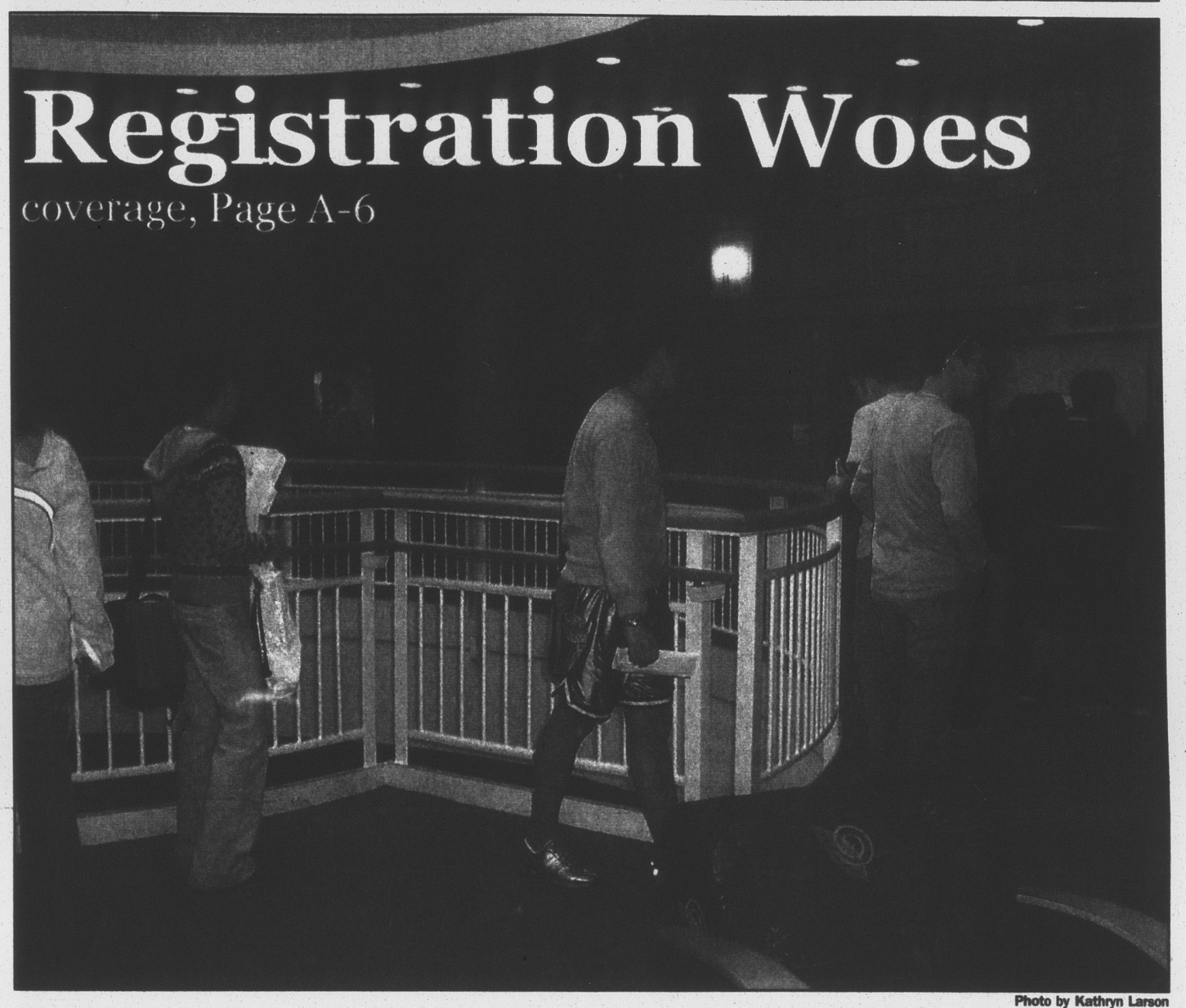

Wishin' and hopin'

Students lined the third floor of McKelvey this week waiting to see the Registrar. Within the first day more than 15 classes were filled. The full story can be found on Page A-5.

Gold stars or slaps on wrist? Students outraged by Honors

By Chip Hothem
Staff writer

It appears that one does not need to be an alchemist to change a metal any more; in fact, the college administration appears to be more like magicians as they currently plan to make the honors program-and the medals adorned by honors recipients-vanish.

Currently, honors students must take an interdisciplinary colloquium which discusses global issues. Students in the honors program create an advising board made up of a moderator, advisor, another faculty member at large, and an assigned Academic Standards Committee member. This board governs an honors student's defense of his or her Honors Paper and aids the student through the process of composing his or her paper. Honors students must also research an additional 8 semester hours to enhance their honors paper.

The newly proposed honors plan would erase all previous requirements and would award exceptional Capstones with the approval of ASC and replace honors program medals with a sticker on the diploma of those students with exceptional Capstones.

"It's like giving a sitcker to a first-grader who got a 100 on a vocab quiz," senior Ray Walling said.

Students currently enrolled in the honors program are outraged.

"The honors program offers students the opportunity to interact with top students from other fields, which is good preparation for the real world," junior honors student Sarah Spardy said. "If it were to be cut, students would be missing out on an invaluable learning experience."

"I see it in terms of service," Matthew Kerns, the SGA representative for the Curriculum Development Committee, said. "The students pay for a service, and

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Veteran's Day, campus professor in Iraq

By Elizabeth Farry
Titan Radio News correspondent

Veteran's Day is a day about reflecting-looking back on those proudly serving our country. Our college is lucky enough to boast one professor now training Iraqi police officers in Baghdad in his efforts to preserve foreign government.

Major Scott Mackenzie, assistant professor of theater, says that despite all the criticism, he feels the media accurately depicts what's going on overseas.

"From what I see there's a lot of people who are awfully quick to blame the media for things I think are generally accurate...but then they say it's not true because it conflicts with their political views," Mackenzie said.

Most might cower at the idea of being over in dangerous terrain, but Mackenzie said he's rarely scared. Still, there are always concerns.

"There's always a chance something could happen, but where I am is pretty safe," Mackenzie said. "Once in a while we hear rockets landing and a loud boom goes off and shakes a building. But I haven't been close to anything really dangerous."

Mackenzie is steadfastly holding to the mission at hand: training the Iraqi police.

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Contributed photo

Major Scott Mackenzie might teach students here how to act in roles, but now he's over in Baghdad protecting the peace and training Iraqi police.

opinions/editorials

Rant & Rave

He's a saint, that's how dead he is.

The horoscopes were my life, where'd they go.

I am in love with Dr. T's planner.

Does red mean I'm a communist? Red scare?

Where are the horoscopes? I really miss them.

Can't sleep...books will eat me.. can't sleep books will eat me...

I <3 Sudoku!

Why do I have a final project due when there is a month left in the semester?

It's baking soda, not drugs!

I don't know about anyone else, but I once thouroughly enjoyed the NATURAL beatuy of the tree down by the lake.

The Scarlet letter of the week is...M!

I'm independently American not Greek.

The skeleton ran out of shampoo in the shower.

On Wednesdays we wear pink.

Dopamine is my friend.

Last registration. *TEAR*

Oh yes I am the mullet man, the mullet man, the mullet man.

I've been hanging around Greek heroes long enough to know the ropes.

Whatever happened to being bedridden whilst being ill?

Oh man, you don't want to know.

We have to provide our own Rant & Rave paper and pencil? WTF?

Oh pooh, I'm out of paper!

There's no nookie in spooning.

Sudoku rules, horoscopes drool!

Chai is love.

Stop talking about Will and Grace.

I can't wait for Springhill tonight!

In less than 12 hours, I will be in heaven.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Breaking the mold

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

Living in a dorm is wonderful thing. I know a lot of people like to complain about it, but I like it. Your hall consists of a group of random people who were thrown together due to a crappy room drawing number, and you never know quite who you can expect to find in your building.

Of course, there are downsides to dorm life. Every now and then, someone will vandalize the bejesus out of something, ruining it for everyone for a few days until the school comes to fix it. There are things in your dorm that are old, whether it's the heating system, the toilets, or showers. They need to have constant upkeep done on them. It only makes sense. The older something is, the more it needs to be maintained. It's logical, I think.

Lately, Eichenauer has been in a state of disarray. Some of this is due to the students breaking stuff, true, but some of it is due to how old the appliances are. It is hard for me to go into the laundry room and find a working washer and dryer. It's a tricky business. If all the dryers are in use, I spend a few minutes doing a diagnostic on them, testing the temperatures, making sure they spin, and making sure they work. Then I turn to the washers, opening each and checking to make sure that it isn't half-full with cruddy water failed to drain.

I would have to say that usually the ratio of broken to working washers and dryers is about 50/50. Half the time I can do my laundry. The rest of the time I put my clothes in a dryer only to find that they are still soaked fifty minutes later. It's an inconvenience.

Also, the doors that lead out to the street side of Eichenaur are broken. For about two weeks now, those doors have been completely useless to the residents. Large yellow signs hang on the door telling us that the doors are broken and not to use them. To these, I have to say one thing. When will they be fixed? The signs only present me with more questions! What I really need is for the signs to vanish and for the doors to allow me through again.

Finally, I know of a leaky shower in a suite near mine. They hear the shower dripping all the time, and it gets quite annoying. I know it's due to the fact that the shower has probably been here since the seventies when the dorm was built, but it's still another broken thing in Eich.

So, here's a good question. Where is the upkeep? Why isn't anyone doing something to fix this stuff? Is the plan to let the dorms break down enough so they collapse on their own so we can build the newest alumni pet project in its place?

I'm sorry if I sound rather disgruntled, but I am. My room is my home. I take it really seriously and I'd like the school to as well. Wishful thinking, I guess.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. He spends most of his spare time nursing an addiction to "Kool-Aid Jammers" and creating insane theories about dinosaurs. If you see him on campus, give him a cookie. This will please him, as well as shut him up until you can escape.

Letter to the Editor

Relationships started online can flourish

I am writing this letter in response to the article in the Nov. 4th edition, entitled "'Hot or Not' is not so hot." While this article does have a certain degree of merit, its tone is completely inappropriate. Additionally, this "news" story was completely one-sided. There is nothing wrong with advising people to be cautious when utilizing the Internet to meet people, but the author made it sound like only bad things could happen if you met somebody online.

Before I came to college, I made friends online whom I later got to know in person. Included in this group of friends was a guy named Jim, who after a few years of talking online as friends, I met in person. As expected, we hit it off and have been dating since my freshman year, culminating in our marriage this past summer. I wasn't using an online dating service, but I can quickly think of at least ten people who have had great success with such services. Physical first-time encounters are almost entirely based on physical appearance. Online, you get to know each other's personalities often before pictures are even exchanged. For an introvert, it can be a comfortable way to put yourself out there and meet people. As for my husband and I, we met by coincidence and it just happened to work out, quite amazingly I may add. I know ours is not the only success story out there.

We all know that the Internet can be dangerous, but guess what? There were stalkers and rapists out there before the Internet was ever around. This is not to say that I don't have great sympathy for those people who have had traumatic experiences of this type. However, by the same token, people have been sexually assaulted at fraternity houses. Does that mean that we should stop going? No, it just means you have to be careful whenever you meet new people, regardless of the medium.

I have met a lot of wonderful people during my time at Westminster, but I have also met several life-long friends on the Internet, including my beloved husband. The tone of your article suggests that this fact means that there is something wrong with me and I find that insulting and offensive. I can't be the only person on this campus that has had a comparable good experience.

Alicia Heinle
5th Y-ear Senior

Want to write a letter to the editor? Here are the rules.

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America offline

By Brian J. McFillen
Indiana Daily Student

Last week, the logic board died in my beloved, broadband-accessing, Wi-Fi-compatible, state-of-the-art-operating-system-sporting Apple laptop. And while Apple has been very good about repairing the problem for free, it has meant that – until it's fixed – I've been thrown back into the world of the '90s.

Access to the Internet is either a question of finding hard-wired watering holes or of dealing with my cantankerous emergency back-up computer which, although only eight years old, now handles the Web about as well as if it were a rusty leftover salvaged from a Soviet submarine. I feel at the mercy of the dinosaurs who determine what's worthy of the 24-hour newscycle.

It's amazing how quickly this technology has changed our lives. The U.S. Census Bureau's 2003 Current Population Survey, the most recent available, reports that the proportion of U.S. households with Internet access has tripled since 1997 – up to 55 percent – while the Pew Internet and American Life Project has reported that 68 percent of American adults are online regularly.

Consumer research firm AC-Nielsen has estimated that 10 percent of the world's population has bought something online, including 89 percent of Americans, with the United States ranking only 11th out of the countries polled. And, according to The Project for Excellence in Journalism, around one-half to two-thirds of Internet users read news stories on the Web on a weekly basis.

No wonder, then, that governments seem hot to control the Internet. That this should happen in repressive regimes is not news. Just last week, the Libyan and Egyptian governments were each, respectively, accused of arresting bloggers critical of their regimes. And I've written before about the cynical, possibly sinister attempt by the United Nations and European Union to put the Internet's root servers under their control. But what of our own?

In the United States, we've been blessed with a laissez-faire approach to the Internet that has allowed it to develop into the haven for free speech and free commerce it is today. But, as with all freedoms, we in the American public must be active in its defense.

On Wednesday, the House of Representatives narrowly failed to pass H.R. 1606, a bill that would enshrine the current practice of exempting Web sites from regulation by the Federal Election Commission. The failure of this bill could be taken as permission for the FEC to regulate political speech on the Web, stifling political debate and analysis in the name of controlling campaign funding. Our representatives must be told that this is unacceptable.

Here in 2005, we live at a time when millions of citizens are able to connect and interact with millions of others through a technology that puts the power of mass media into the hands of the average individual. This is an unprecedented development in the history of free speech. We don't need the FEC to turn back the clock.

Honors

Discussions arouse concern of students

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the service is ultimately our education. By taking away the interdisciplinary honors program, the administration is taking away the opportunity to grow in the current honors program that the honors students readily defend."

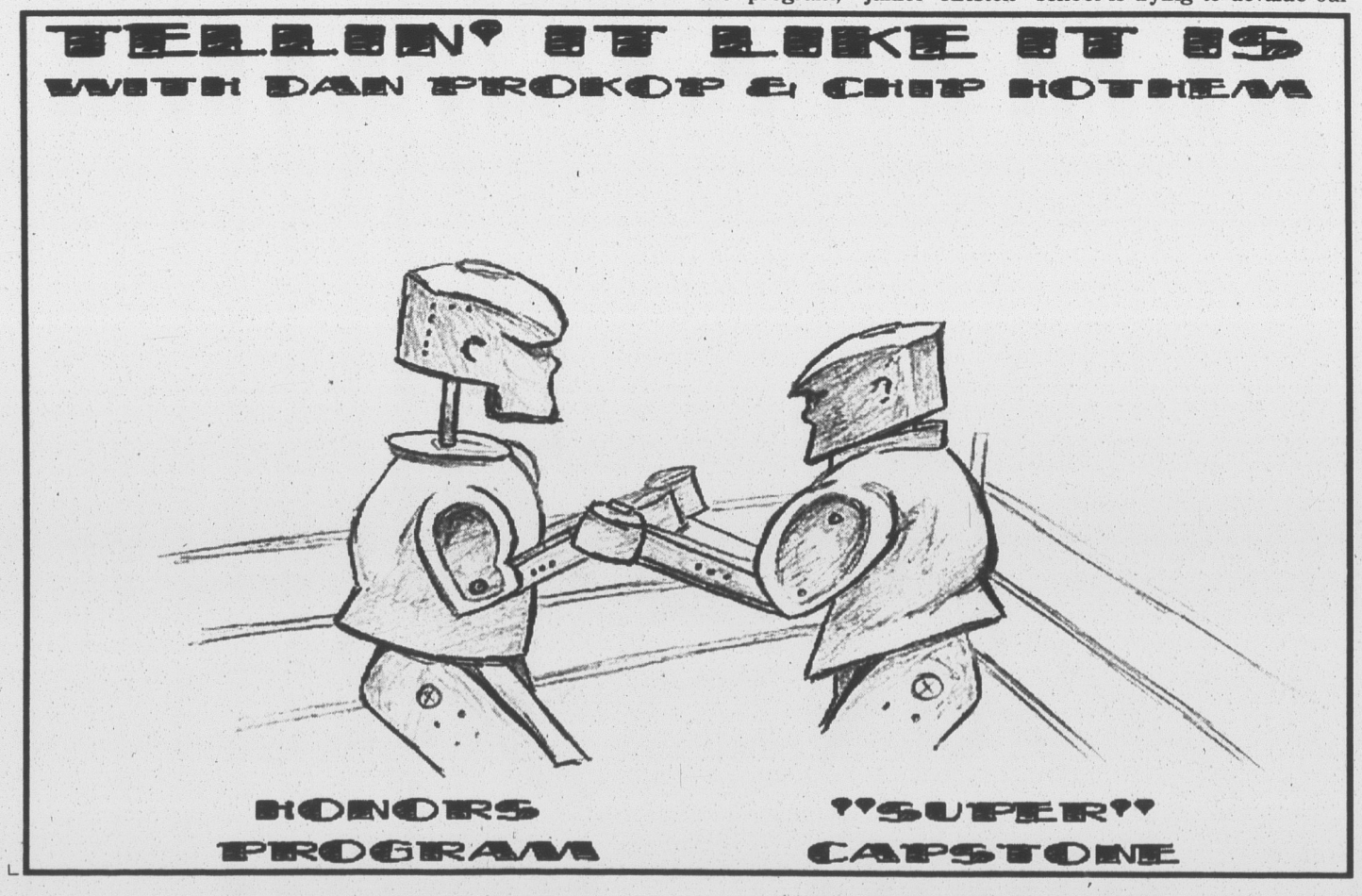
Moreover, the only current student input appears to come from previous course evaluations, which further angers honors students who defend the current system.

"As a current student of the honors program, I feel that it is very important that the students be addressed directly and foremost by the administration on issues concerning the program," junior Kristen Allen said. "After all, it is the students that are to be benefiting from the experience and the students that have worked so hard to come to this point."

Kerns and Walling urge all concerned students to voice their opinions to Dean Mann, President Williamson, professors, or to write editorials to the Holcad.

"It's alright to be mad," Kerns said, "because the school is trying to devalue our education; let's march on Old Main and raise the red flag."

"The college clearly states in its mission statement that their goals are 'to help men and women develop competencies, commitments, and characteristics which have distinguished human beings at their best. The liberal arts tradition is the foundation of the curriculum continually designed to serve this mission in a rapidly changing world,'" junior honors student Lee Scott said. "This is the entire motive behind the honors program—to enable talented students to succeed in a liberal arts environment. The honors program embodies liberal arts, and I fail to see how the new plan in its present form supports the college's mission statement."



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Westminster Outside the Bubble

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Neshannock sheetz opens next month

Construction crews at the new Sheetz convenience store at the intersection of Mitchell Road and Route 18 in Neshannock Township should have it ready to open by December 15. When the store opens it will feature 14 pump stations and MTO sandwiches. Some local businesses owners say the corporate chain will hurt their stores.

Troopers and local chief honored for heroism

Two state troopers and the Little Beaver Township Police Chief received special honors today from the Pennsylvania State Police for their quick and heroic actions earlier this year. Little Beaver Township Robert Kuhn, Trooper Gary Johns and Corporal David Kelly received letters of commendation for "outstanding performance of duty" during a brief ceremony at the PSP Detachment in Neshannock Township. Last July the three struggled with a man and woman. The man held a gun to the chief's head when police came to rescue two children from deplorable living conditions. The troopers and Chief Kuhn made brave and life saving decisions and everyone came out of the situation unharmed.

Promoting the love of the sport

The Pennsylvania Game Commission wants hunters to spread their love of the sport. Game Commission Executive Director Vern Ross says it's important to continue the interest in hunting because the sport protects our wildlife. Ross also says hunting contributes $4.8 billion to the state's economy and supports over 45,00 jobs. Ross encourages hunters to spark interest in non-hunters by taking them along next time they go out. Licensed hunters can take one unlicensed person as long as they remember that the non-hunter cannot carry a sporting arm and cannot actually kill game.

Weaver's WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1). Identify one of the states struck by a killer tornado this week?
A). Kansas
B). Oklahoma
C). Florida
D). Indiana
E). West Virginia

2). Identify the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court Justice voters chose NOT to retain?
A). Russell Nigro
B). Sandra Schultz
C). Frank LaGrotta
D). Barbara Hafer
E). Bob Casey, Jr.

3). Who won the election for Lawrence County Common Pleas Court Judge?
A). Matt Mangino
B). John Hodge
C). George Freed
D). John Bongivengo
E). Perry Quahliero

4). What activity did some "Count of Monte Cristo" cast members learn over the past several weeks in order to prepare for this weekend's Theater Westminster production?
A). juggling
B). massage
C). fencing
D). wrestling
E). hypnotism

5). What structure did Mercer County feature during an open house on Wednesday?
A). The renovated courthouse.
B). The new county jail.
C). The new Mercer County Vo-Tech Center.
D). The new 911 dispatch center.
E). The new I-79/I-80 visitors' center.

6). What is CSTA Associate Professor Scott Mackenzie's job as he serves with his Army Reserve Unit in Baghdad?
A). Searching for landmines.
B). Providing medical assistance to military units.
C). Coordinating supplies for troops.
D). Patrolling the Green Zone.
E). Training Iraqi police.

7). When is Veterans Day this year?
A). Thursday, November 10, 2005
B). Friday, November 11, 2005
C). Saturday, November 12, 2005
D). Monday, November 14, 2005
E). Tuesday, November 15, 2005

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Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations instructor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with dubious current event quizzes.

Ripped from the Wire

REGIONAL

Inmate shocked

State police investigate use of electric shock on inmate

LEWISTOWN, Pa. (AP) - A county prisoner was forcibly removed from his cell, restrained to a chair and given an electric shock, and a now-fired guard is under investigation, state police said.

A state police report issued Sunday said Mifflin County Prison inmate Dustin Zimmerman, 19, of Lewistown, was shocked with "an electronic body-immobilizing device" Sept. 11 without being provoked, police said.

While several employees were involved with removing the inmate from the cell, only one was involved in the unauthorized use of force, warden Bernie Zook said. He added that there was an audio recording from a surveillance video of the alleged assault.

The guard was fired after an internal investigation and information from that probe was given to state police, Zook said Monday. Authorities have declined to release the former guard's name.

"It was poor judgment on his part," Zook said. "This guy knew through his training this was wrong."

STATE

Attacked man kills in self defense

Man charged with kiling alleged attacker in gay-bashing

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - A 21-year-old man was charged with stabbing to death one of four teenagers who allegedly attacked him near his home, a fight his parents said erupted because their son is gay.

Lucas Dawson was walking from his home in the city's East Mount Airy neighborhood on Oct. 29 to catch a bus downtown, where he intended to meet with friends to discuss his audition for "American Idol" the day before.

The aspiring singer crossed the street to avoid the four teens, but they rushed him, said his stepfather, David Dawson.

"One of them punched him in the mouth," David Dawson told the Philadelphia Daily News for a story Tuesday. "They knocked him to the ground. They kicked him. They stomped him. They called him faggot."

Lucas Dawson pulled out a small pocket knife and waved it at the teens to push them back, David Dawson said. He then ran but was grabbed by Gerald Knight, 17, who was fatally stabbed in the chest in the ensuing struggle, his stepfather said.

"Because somebody died, I can understand he might have to do some jail time," David Dawson said.

NATIONAL

TV weather black

The Weather Chanel tries to loosen up by bringing in comedian Lewis Black .

NEW YORK (AP) - The Weather Channel forecast: a high-pressure system of comedy.

The cable channel will feature Lewis Black _ known for his rants on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" _ in a handful of segments starting Wednesday night.

He's the first in what the Weather Channel hopes is a series of celebrity guests.

"We're going to try a few segments to spice things up a little bit," said Terry Connelly, the network's senior vice president and general manager.

Black gets the chance to try out some of the network's forecasting maps and chat on camera with weathercaster Dave Schwartz. He also gets to deliver a few comic riffs on global warming and airport delays, Connelly said.

Connelly quietly put out the word recently, asking celebrities to drop by if they're near the company's Atlanta headquarters. Black, a closet weather fan, was quick to reply.

The Weather Channel hopes occasional celebrity guests liven what's often a staid presentation. The network has begun experimenting with a weekend morning show that puts the weathercasters on couches instead of behind desks, and is considering a weekday show that Connelly called a cross between "The View" and Martha Stewart's daytime program.

The Weather Channel does well in the ratings when, say, there's a hurricane, but needs a boost for days of more sedate weather.

"Lewis Black on the Weather Channel is unpredictable," Connelly said, "and we're in the business of predictions."

NATIONAL KICKER

Denver voters OK marijuana possession

New law permits citizens under 21 to carry up to one ounce of cannabis

DENVER -Residents of the Mile High City have voted to legalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana for adults. Authorities, though, said state possession laws will be applied instead.

With 100 percent of precincts reporting early Wednesday, 54 percent, or 56,001 voters, cast ballots for the ordinance, while 46 percent, or 48,632 voters, voted against it.

Under the measure, residents over 21 years old could possess up to an ounce of marijuana.

"We educated voters about the facts that marijuana is less harmful to the user and society than alcohol," said Mason Tvert, campaign organizer for SAFER, or Safer Alternatives For Enjoyable Recreation. "To prohibit adults from making the rational, safer choice to use marijuana is bad public policy."

Bruce Mirken of the Washington, D.C.-based Marijuana Policy Project said he hoped the approval will launch a national trend toward legalizing a drug whose enforcement he said causes more problems than it cures.

Seattle, Oakland, Calif., and a few college towns already have laws making possession the lowest law enforcement priority.

The Denver proposal seemed to draw at least as much attention for supporters' campaign tactics as it did for the question of legalizing the drug.

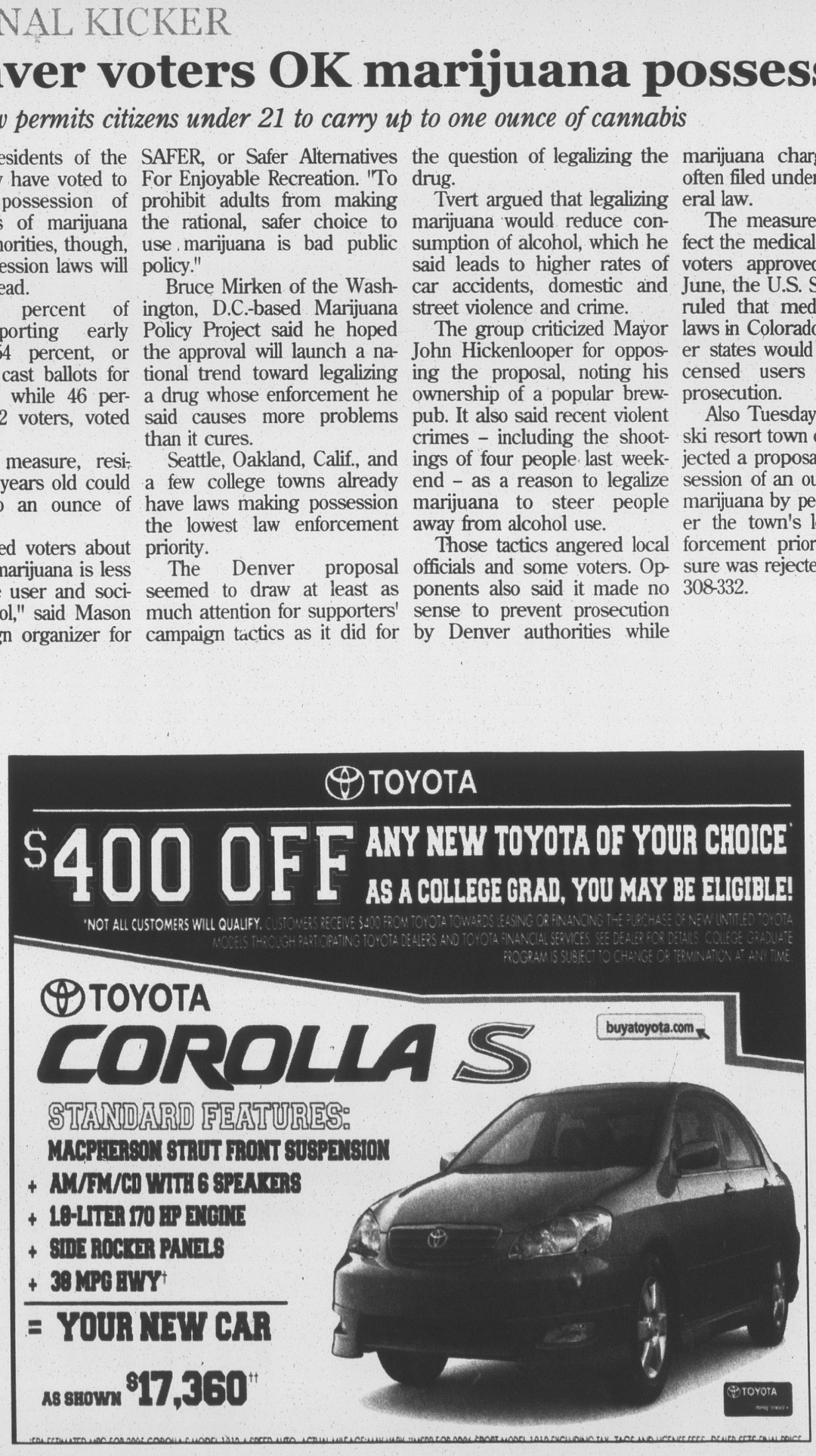
Tvert argued that legalizing marijuana would reduce consumption of alcohol, which he said leads to higher rates of car accidents, domestic and street violence and crime.

The group criticized Mayor John Hickenlooper for opposing the proposal, noting his ownership of a popular brewpub. It also said recent violent crimes – including the shootings of four people last weekend – as a reason to legalize marijuana to steer people away from alcohol use.

Those tactics angered local officials and some voters. Opponents also said it made no sense to prevent prosecution by Denver authorities while marijuana charges are most often filed under state and federal law.

The measure would not affect the medical marijuana law voters approved in 2000. In June, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that medical marijuana laws in Colorado and nine other states would not protect licensed users from federal prosecution.

Also Tuesday, voters in the ski resort town of Telluride rejected a proposal to make possession of an ounce or less of marijuana by people 18 or older the town's lowest law enforcement priority. The measure was rejected on a vote of 308-332.



Campus News

Showcasing diversity

The 25 member organization incorporates a variety of cultures and ethnic backgrounds.

By Amy Schillinger
Campus writer

Showcasing diversity and bringing our campus community together, this year's Black Student Union activities are in full swing.

Having a theme of "Where in the World is Carmen San Diego," the Black Student Union's (BSU) first activity of the year was to enter the float contest in the homecoming parade. Members worked together making the truck into a globe and dressing like characters from the children's TV show. Next on their to-do list was the Candygram sale to students in the TUB on Oct. 12-14. Throughout the week, students were able to pay a dollar to have either candy or a flower sent to their friends. The event was an overall success. They delivered 240 Candygrams.

"Besides just having fun, BSU is meant to spread diversity throughout campus and to get everybody involved through service," junior and BSU secretary Ann Ebhojiaye said.

On Nov. 4, members traveled to Slippery Rock University and attended the Harambee Summit. "Harambee," Swahilian for "let's pull together," was a leadership conference directed towards minorities. It consisted of various speakers and workshops all designed to teach students to embrace their differences and not be embarrassed by them.

The Black Student Union is a 25-member organization concerned with educating students about the history and diversity of different cultures. In spite of the name, BSU membership is open to all students regardless of ethnicity. The organization was originally established as a support group for minority students, but has now grown into much more, gaining popularity each and every year.

"Our goal is to incorporate the background and cultures of a variety of students and invite them to learn about other ethnic backgrounds", sophomore and BSU president Akesha Joseph said.

There has been talk of possibly changing the name of the Black Student Union to possibly Diversity Student Union.

"We are considering a change in the name to make others aware that BSU includes more than just the black community. We want everyone to feel welcome," junior and BSU member Nikky Douglas said.

As of now, BSU plans to start an Adopt-a-Grandparent program at our local senior citizen home. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, you will be able to find members helping out at the soup kitchen.

Contributed photo

This year, the Black Student Union chose *Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?* **for their homecoming float.**

Veterans

Professor Mackenzie

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"We're trying to teach them western style policing: to protect and serve." Mackenzie said. "We're trying to rebuild police stations and train over a hundred thousand officers."

The people that Mackenzie works with are motivated to help out Iraq as much as possible.

"We want to transition control back to Iraqi government so they can run their country, and we can get back to ours," Mackenzie said. "People are motivated to try to get things straightened out to go home."

Mackenzie could be in Iraq until August, but when he returns he hopes to use his time wisely– taking his family on a trip to New York City.

Theta Chi

Debt propels fraternity into service projects, earning more than three thousand dollars in two weeks.

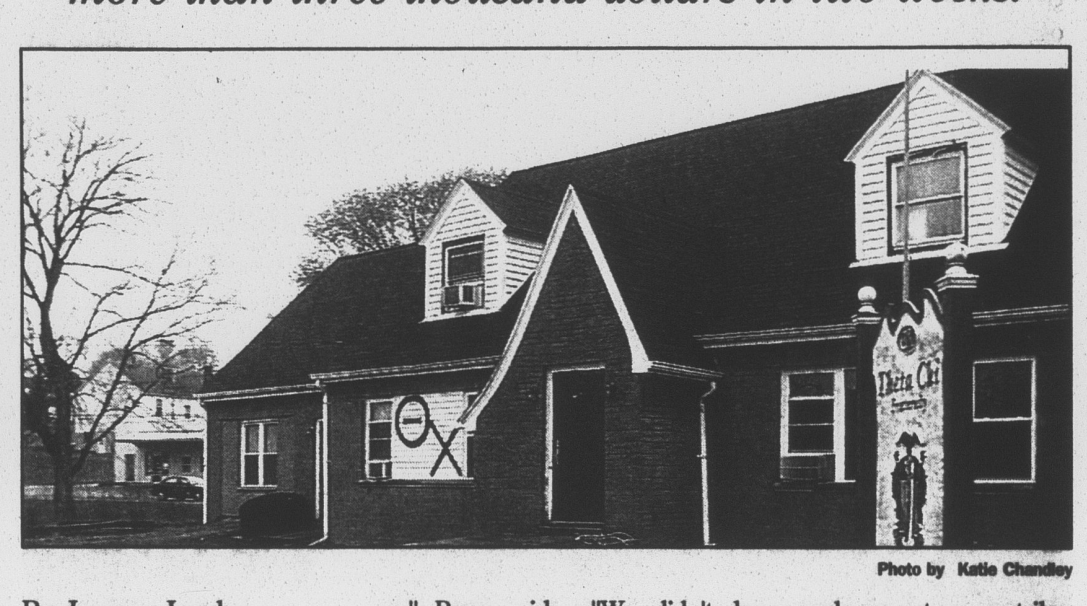


Photo by Katie Chandley

By Jeremy Lawler
Campus writer

Financial woes have kept the brothers of Theta Chi Fraternity busy working at Geauga Lake and Wildwater Kingdom in hopes to relieve debt.

Working in a haunted house and operating amusement park rides, the brothers of Theta Chi have earned an estimated total of $3,600 over the course of two work weekends at the amusement park. The work weekends took place on Oct. 21-23 and Oct. 28-30. Junior John Buco, Theta Chi's philanthropy chair and assistant treasurer, was in charge of setting up the work weekends.

"We really needed the money, and working at Geauga Lake was the best option for us," Buco said. "We didn't end up making as much as we should have, but we made a dent."

Although Theta Chi is facing a trial, the strength of the brotherhood has remained strong. Brother Lee Scott believes the brotherhood has come together to form a stronger bond in an effort to eliminate debt to the international headquarters.

"We're seeing a decrease in the amount of money that we owe; it's not going to disappear overnight," Scott said. "This debt will be eliminated."

"Haunted" by the looming debt, the brothers are doing all in their power to help eliminate this burden. Alumni from the class of 2004 and 2005, John Joseph, Richard Marmura and Brad Merklin have made monetary contributions in hopes of relieving the debt. Alumnus Bryan Lee has also contributed to the effort by working alongside the brothers in one of the work weekends.

Brothers weren't the only students willing to step up and lend the helping hand. Students such as sophomore Brittany Rosko are concerned and willing to donate their time and efforts.

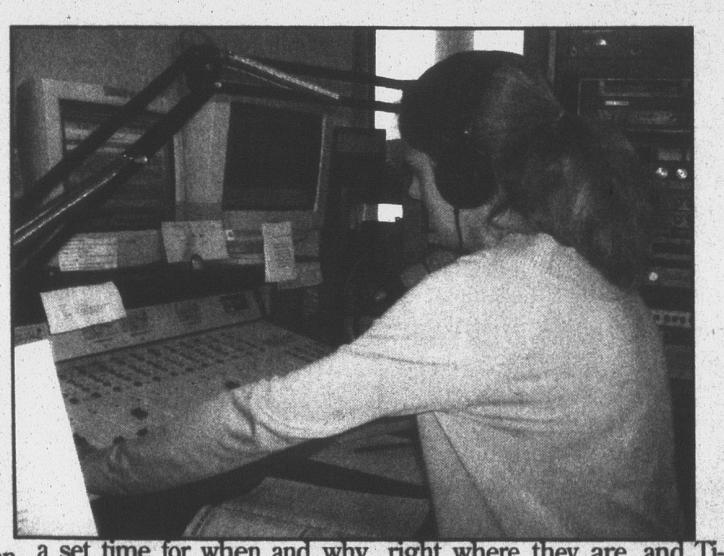
"I really enjoy spending time with the brothers of Theta Chi," Rosko said. "I was glad to be able to help out as much as I could to keep them out of debt."

The brothers of Theta Chi Fraternity hope to be out of debt by Apr. 2006.

Tuning into Titan Radio 88.9

The rotations of Green Day, Weezer and Kelly Clarkson finally explained

By Sharon Englert
Campus writer



The repeat song list on Titan Radio is tuning many of its listeners out, but in reality the students and faculty that run Titan Radio are working hard to please its listeners.

Every weekday morning starting at 7 a.m., Titan Radio tunes in beginning its morning shows, talk shows, sports, news, and a Hot Adult Contemporary (Hot AC) music list.

"I like the mix of music on Titan Radio. Sometimes it gets repetitive, but every morning I turn it on in the bathroom in order to get my fix for the day," Lindsay Crist said.

Amy Sasfai, a manager for Titan Radio, wishes that students would give Titan Radio a chance and come to the realization that the station is much like that of B 94 and Variety 96 who play the same music from the same charts.

"We pick and schedule our music according to the charts. If Greenday is still number one, then that song will play in a heavy rotation category. So basically, if you stop buying the album, we will quit playing the song so much," Sasfai said.

Heather Storm explains that running a radio station is a very complicated business. In commercial radio, there is a set time for when and why songs are played. Scheduled categories and clock schedules are programmed into computers, creating a specific formula that all radio stations, including Titan Radio, follow.

"It seems like we play Kelly Clarkson and Green Day all the time because they have been releasing singles like crazy lately, all of which have become hits and moved up on the charts...If just a few stations stop playing a song, it usually falls down on the overall charts, meaning we stop playing them also," Storm said.

Although students are turning on their radios hoping to hear something new, what they are going to hear is the top hottest song that day. Maybe one day the top hottest song that day will be something new. However, the charts seem to be staying right where they are, and Titan Radio is doing all that it can to provide a fun play list.

"One thing is for sure—no radio station can please all of the people all of the time. That is why the music is researched instead of chosen by what an individual prefers," Dr. David Barner said.

Titan Radio wants its listeners to know that feedback is very important. In order for the radio station to be more enjoyable to its listeners, those who run it have to know what the listeners want.

"If we don't know something is bad, how should we know to change it? Let us know how you want to fix the issue, and we will work with you as best we can," Sasfai said.

Highlighting handbell concert

By Jared Foster
Campus writer

On Nov. 15, a group of students will be making noise at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church.

Anne Bruening, the handbell director, will lead her handbell class and the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church Handbell ringers in a concert at 7:30 at the Presbyterian Church.

"It should be a fun concert. It's not your run-of-the-mill bell concert," Bruening said.

Jeremy Lawler is one of the 23 student bell-ringers. He has plenty of experience and is eager to play in the upcoming concert.

"I have been in bell choir for about 11 years or so. I started playing bells at my church back at home and haven't stopped since," Lawler said.

Not all of the ringers are as experienced as Lawler. This is the first time junior Scott Davenport has played the bells.

"I was told college is about doing new things, and I don't really like drugs, so I experimented with handbells," Davenport said.

For those who don't know much about handbells, they are just as the name says. Bruening describes them as being the same thing Salvation Army workers ring. They range in size from about four inches to a foot in length and are set up in the same order as piano keys. Every ringer is accountable for two notes and the accompanying flats or sharps. This means everyone plays three or four bells.

The church and students plan on having a successful event.

"I hope that we have a great turnout for our concert; it will be nice to see the pews filled," Lawler said.

This concert won't be comprised of typical church music.

"I pick cool handbell music. I know people have an idea in their heads what bells are and how boring it is - not so in my class," Bruening said.

A few students around campus find the idea of a concert of only bells to be an interesting idea.

"I think it should be an enjoyable concert because it is like nothing I have ever been to," sophomore Jack Marti said.

Anyone interested in playing the handbells can contact Bruening or talk to someone in the class. Usually, the students find it to be a worthwhile experience-not to mention a good time.

"You can never go wrong when handbells are involved," said Davenport.

The choir has been putting a lot of effort into this concert, and it should be an unforgettable experience.

More news from around the campus

Trashing the idea

UNLIKELY WE'LL SEE TOWN TITAN CARDS THIS YEAR

By Brian Najar
Campus Writer

SGA recently e-mailed a campus wide questionnaire to all students to gauge whether there is still enough interest in the Town Titan Card idea.

The results of the questionnaire will help in deciding whether or not to proceed with program.

Interest in the program began to wane when students discovered that the money would come from their Titan Dollars rather than their Dine Dollars, making the Town Titan Card basically a debit card.

"We just want to make sure there is still interest in the program and get feedback from students on whether they would use their Titan Card in town," SGA treasurer Sherri Breitigan said.

Business manager Don Shelenberger says that the Town Titan Card is not on his working agenda right now.

There is no question that local businesses are eager for the program to happen, but SGA does not want to spend money to have the machines installed if the students will not take advantage of the new service.

"They are seeing the potential for greater sales, as good business people should," Shelenberger said, "but obviously there has to be some benefit for the college."

The college would ask for a percentage of sales and would look for the merchants to provide upfront financing for the equipment needed to put at the other end of the telephone line between the Titan Card office and their place of business. A two or three year agreement would also be necessary from the businesses.

Tom McKinley, head of the chamber of commerce, is still anticipating this program to come to fruition.

"We as businesses would like to see this happen," McKinley said.

It may not happen this year, but I'm sure it is going to happen.

Ken Romig, vice president/FMS

"We really need somebody to represent SGA and bring the issue up and say hey, this is what we want to do," vice president/FMS Ken Romig said.

It ultimately comes down to student interest.

"If the students aren't interested, then the administration is not going to go along with it," Breitigan said.

Hope is still alive in the eyes of the administration.

"It may not happen this year, but I'm sure it is going to happen," Romig said.

If the Town Titan Card is something that you would want, now is the time to contact student affairs and SGA and let them know. But for now, the saga continues.

TUB rising earlier for tastier morning

By Ashley Santarsiero
Campus writer

The new TUB hours are giving some students a little extra time to finish their breakfast before class.

For two years now, the TUB has been open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Those hours were good for students who had 8:10 classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, but they did not work for those students who had 7:40 a.m. classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The TUB opening at 7:30 a.m. left the students with 7:40 a.m. classes very little time to get their food, eat it and get to class on time.

"I am always rushing and trying to get to my classes on time, so I think that the TUB opening up earlier would be great for students who have early classes," sophomore Melissa Opalanko said.

Now the TUB is doing just that. The TUB is now opening its doors bright and early at 7:15 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This gives students 15 extra minutes to sit down and enjoy their morning meal. This sudden change was surprisingly not prompted by a student or faculty member.

"The suggestion was actually brought to my attention through a parent question during the President's Coffee on Family Day," dining service's general manager Jeff Creveling said.

As good as this new situation sounds, it is however only being conducting on a trial basis.

These new hours will only be kept if students actually come and eat that early in the morning. These trial hours will stay until the end of the semester and possibly carry over into the spring.

However, some believe that it should not matter how many people come and eat.

"I think the TUB should be open even if it is only for one student because there is no breakfast in the dining hall," associate professor of broadcast communications Dr. David Barner said.

Whether or not the TUB keeps its new hours, students will always be able to find a variety of selections on the breakfast menu. Aside from the breakfast sandwiches, there are always bagels, pastries and a large selection of Starbuck's Coffee and flavors shots.

Photo by Tara Hoellerman

Students with early morning classes will finally be able to get food in the TUB before class.

Former *New York Times* photographer to speak

By Serah Stauffer
Campus Writer

Photographer Kirsten Elstner will be on campus Friday, Nov. 11 at 3:15 p.m. in Philips Lecture Hall to talk about her experiences as a traveling artist. Elstner, former New York Times photographer, founded a non-profit organization called VisionWorkshops.

Elstner started the organization after working and traveling extensively with National Geographic as a photographer's assistant and then working seven years with the New York Times in photojournalism. The organization gives kids a creative outlet through which to express themselves.

"I started VisionWorkshops because I decided that I wanted to put the camera in the hands of the people (children) whose lives were being documented," Elstner said.

VisionWorkshops provides art education for at-risk or inner city young adults through individual mentoring and hands-on photography experience. There are two programs specifically geared toward helping these kids.

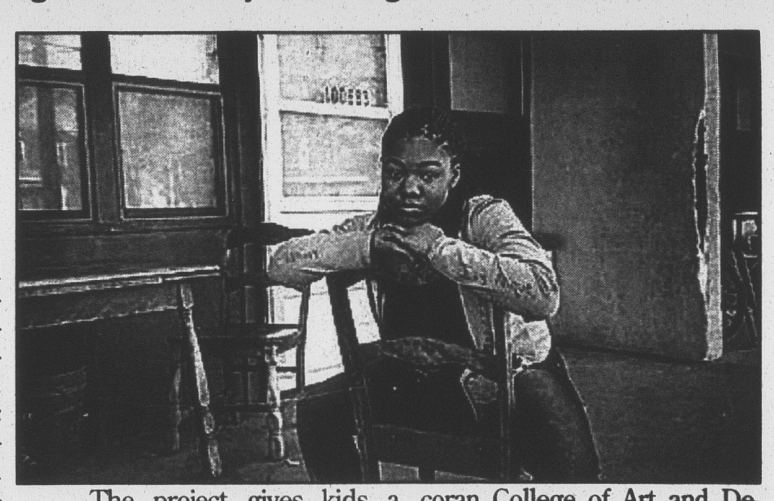
The National Geographic Program runs a Photo Camp which reaches high school juniors and seniors in the Washington, D.C., New York and San Francisco areas.

"The goal . . . is to provide high quality workshop experiences to kids from underserved school districts," Elstner said.

Students are instructed to tell a story of their communities using photographs which are displayed in local galleries. Both National Geographic and area newspaper photographers are involved which gives kids an opportunity to be exposed to many different ideas and styles.

The other program is called the Juvenile Drug Court Program which has created "The Identity Project," a black and white self-portrait project which gives kids an expressive outlet in which to make a statement about their lives and personalities.

"Students explore issues of self-esteem through photography and learn the craft of printing in the darkroom," Elstner said.



The project gives kids a chance to show positive images of themselves to their surrounding community.

"The VisionWorks experience can have a lasting impression on their sense of identity and self worth," Elstner said.

Elstner holds a Bachelor of Arts from Allegheny College and a Master of Arts in photography from Ohio University. She also studied at the University of Seville in Spain. Elstner has taught at several art schools including the Corcoran College of Art and Design in Washington, D.C., the Art Institute of Boston, and the New England School of Photography. Others of her work experience include staff photographer for O Globo in

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, South America's largest newspaper. Elstner also worked with the American Red Cross and took on assignments such as documentation of coordinated relief efforts after disasters like the cyclones in Bangladesh.

The pictures surrounding the article are from Elstner's collection.

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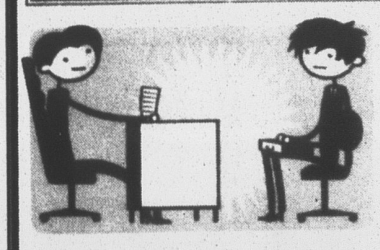

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Campus News

Registration wrought with complaints, questions and compromise

By Amanda Hauger
Campus writer

As early registration came to a close this week, students and faculty can breathe a sigh of relief. Or can they?

Some argue that early registration is pointless, in that most students are forced to add and drop classes later on, due to closed courses and changing schedules.

Others say our system is personal, and that Westminster students get a one-on-one approach.

Despite the differences in opinion, one thing is for sure- registration will be a highly debated topic for many years to come.

Registrar June Pierce says things ran by the books this semester.

"Everything has gone smoothly," Pierce said. "We had 15 faculty members come to assist freshman students. All of the students have been very cooperative, particularly in coming with alternate courses."

Despite the positive outcome for the Registrar's Office, some students are disappointed.

"By the time I registered, three of the classes I needed had been closed," said sophomore elementary education major Molly Johnston. "I didn't have an alternate course sheet and I had to re-write an entire schedule with an advisor. Patrick Krantz, the faculty advisor, was very helpful though and made sure everything on my schedule would work out. The only downside was that I was forced to make a lot of last-minute decisions about courses."

Other students felt badly for their friends, who weren't allowed to register for closed courses.

"One of my friends didn't get into her capstone. This is the year she is supposed to take it, I don't know how they can just close a capstone course," said junior theater and psychology major John Buco.

He had problems registering for certain classes he wanted, despite his early registration time on Monday.

"They closed a lab I needed, although it wasn't full, but because they wanted to leave room for other students to take it. This affected other classes I needed to take as well," Buco said.

One question that frustrated students often ask is, "why can't we register online like most colleges?" The answer lies in the personal approach that Westminster offers.

"Part of our overall goal is better not bigger," said President R. Thomas Williamson. "With online registration the computer runs it. People will always be able to outthink computers. I'd much rather have students dealing with people than computers."

Pierce agrees, citing that students receive help from faculty advisors that a computer could not offer.

"There are advantages and disadvantages both ways, but with computers there are no options if a course is closed. There is no one to help you consider other options," said Pierce.

Any students who did not register this week due to holds on their accounts, will be eligible to register during the make-up period, held December 5- 9.

Handwriting Analysis

One course inks the possibility, but lack of interest cancels class

By Alysa Wright
Campus writer

Taking a handwriting analysis class could come in handy to students of many different majors and even faculty.

Dr. Peter Mancino, along with the college, has been trying to get a handwriting analysis class together through the life-long learning program for the past two semesters. Mancino is certified by the International Graphoanalysis Society.

The class has been cancelled however, due to lack of interest. The class was going to be offered as a non-credit course to anyone, and it did not require formal enrollment in the college. According to Mancino, this is a very useful skill for a variety of future careers, and it would be a beneficial elective to offer as part of the college's normal curriculum.

"This is not reading palms or looking into a crystal ball," Mancino said. "It's a science."

Dr. Mancino believes that students who are planning on dealing with people in their future jobs could benefit from knowing what a person's handwriting says about him or her.

For example, a student who plans on being in the position of hiring people could learn to look at 20 applicant's handwriting and narrow it down to three or four applicants simply by finding the traits they are looking for in their handwriting. Elementary education majors could also find this useful in teaching. "Looking at a student's handwriting can give them insight as to what kind of learners they are," Mancino said.

"If this class was available, I would definitely be interested," junior elementary education major Ashley Johnson said. "We learn so much information about direct instruction that learning about handwriting analysis would provide an alternate form of insight into students' learning styles and personalities."

Handwriting analysis is also used in suspected forgery cases. Mancino has even been listed as an expert witness by the Lawrence County Bar Association and has made numerous court room appearances. He believes that anyone who is interested in criminal justice or law of any kind should consider looking into this fascinating field.

As far as how members of the faculty could put this skill to use, Mancino pointed out that a faculty member could help a student choose a major by looking at his or her handwriting. For example, if a student is music major, but has no rhythm in their writing and no desire for physical activity (meaning playing an instrument), they could possibly be in the wrong field.

Learning to analyze handwriting could also help one gain insight as to his or her own character flaws, according to Mancino. Studying your own handwriting could identify your strengths and weaknesses, because it's a way of viewing yourself from a different perspective.

"Handwriting should be called brain writing because the writing instrument is merely doing what the nervous system is telling it to do," Mancino said.

So, if handwriting reflects a person's personality traits, and if something about his personality changes, will his handwriting reflect that? The answer to that, according to Dr. Mancino, is yes. If a trait is no longer present in a person, his writing will change slightly. However, it does not work the other way around. Writing differently and consciously changing the way a person writes will not change who they are as a person.

Dr. Peter Mancino has been analyzing handwriting for over 30 years. He has used it at house parties, individual analysis, and even suspected forgery cases. He is hopeful that more students and faculty will show interest in this subject so that a class can be offered in the near future.

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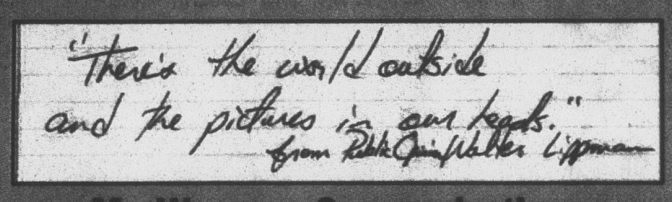
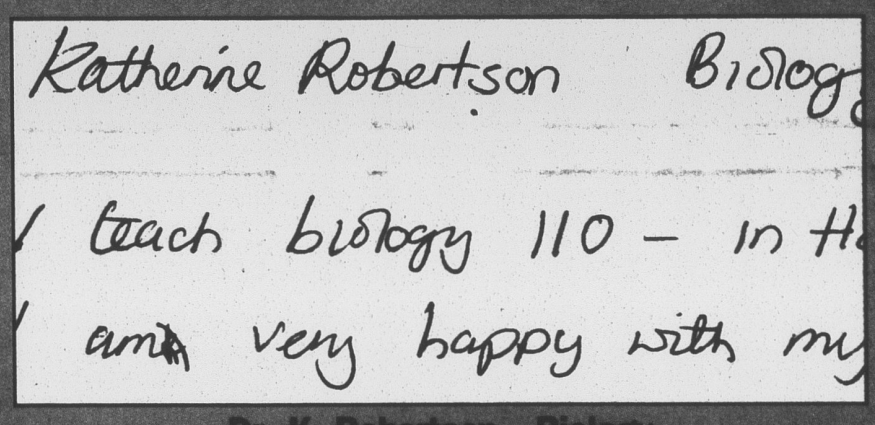


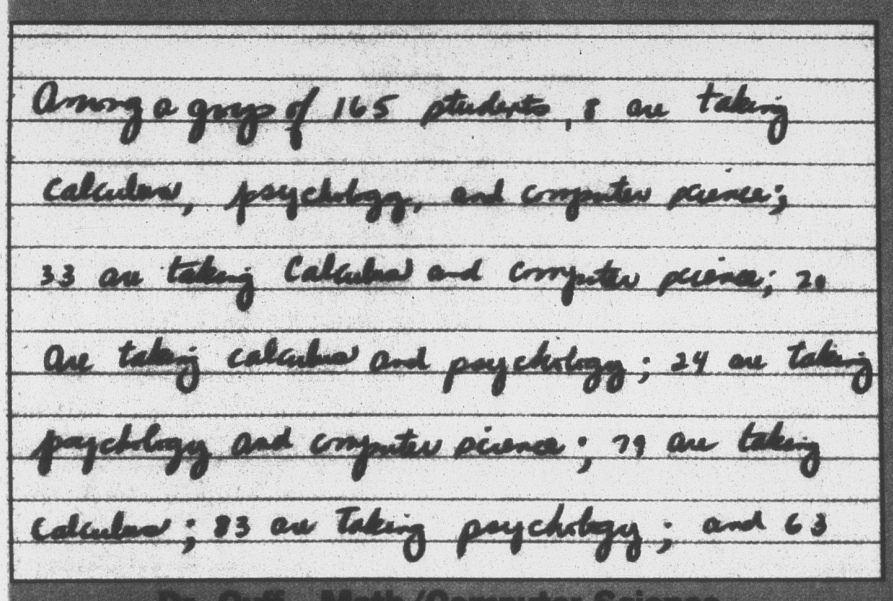
Mr. Weaver - Communications

Likes to maintain control of emotions. Has a well developed ego, self image is important. Diplomatic, when a situation goes wrong can easily find a different approach.



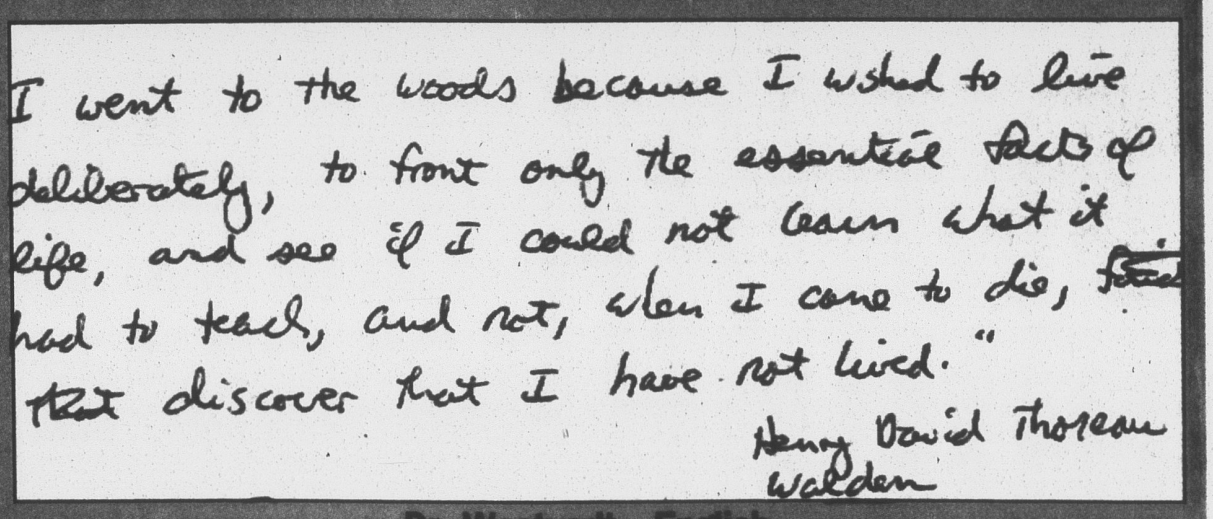
Dr. K. Robertson - Biology

Tends to be an objective thinker. Enjoys physical activity, sports, etc. Is intuitive and can get a feel for a situation easily.



Dr. Cuff - Math/Computer Science

Good at focusing and concentration on things. Has a desire for physical activity. Not ruled by emotions. Has a good capability to put pieces together. Is an optimist. Slight temper every once in a while.



Dr. Wastvedt - English

Has the capability to concentrate well and have great focus. Image portrayed to the world is important. Has a bit of a controlled temper.

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Friday						
High	High 62	High 62	High 54	High 56	High 46	High 45
Low	Low 44	Low 42	Low 40	Low 40	Low 29	Low 26
Mostly sunny	Cool with a good deal of sun	A couple of afternoon showers	Periods of clouds and sun	A couple of showers possible	Mostly cloudy and colder	Times of clouds and sun

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:04 a.m.	5:06 p.m.
Saturday	7:05 a.m.	5:05 p.m.
Sunday	7:07 a.m.	5:04 p.m.
Monday	7:08 a.m.	5:03 p.m.
Tuesday	7:09 a.m.	5:02 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	2:55 p.m.	1:53 a.m.
Saturday	3:17 p.m.	3:06 a.m.
Sunday	3:41 p.m.	4:18 a.m.
Monday	4:06 p.m.	5:31 a.m.
Tuesday	4:36 p.m.	6:45 a.m.

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Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Nov 15	Nov 23	Dec 1	Dec 8

Weather History

The Raleigh/Durham area of North Carolina had its earliest-ever inch of snow on Nov. 11, 1987. In fact, the storm left 2 inches.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	50	33	s	59	41	s	61	43	sh	53	39	pc	50	36	t
Butler, PA	47	34	s	61	43	s	61	44	sh	55	40	pc	58	39	t
Cambridge, OH	54	34	s	65	43	s	60	43	sh	58	41	pc	55	38	t
Canton, OH	50	33	s	61	42	s	61	44	sh	53	39	pc	53	37	t
Cincinnati, OH	58	38	s	69	46	s	59	46	t	60	40	pc	59	38	sh
Clarion, PA	45	31	sh	59	41	s	60	40	sh	53	38	pc	56	39	t
Clarksburg, WV	50	29	s	65	42	s	69	44	sh	61	44	sh	63	40	t
Cleveland, OH	52	36	s	62	44	s	58	42	sh	54	40	pc	52	34	t
Columbus, OH	54	38	s	64	46	s	60	42	t	58	40	pc	54	36	t
Cumberland, MD	47	34	s	59	42	s	63	45	s	56	42	sh	57	40	t
Erie, PA	48	38	pc	62	46	s	58	44	sh	54	40	pc	52	40	t
Franklin, PA	47	31	sh	60	41	s	63	41	sh	54	38	pc	57	40	t
Greensburg, PA	49	35	s	62	47	s	64	45	sh	57	43	pc	57	41	t
Greenville, PA	48	35	s	60	45	s	62	41	sh	53	39	pc	52	40	t
Grove City, PA	47	33	s	60	43	s	60	41	sh	55	40	pc	57	39	t
Hagerstown, MD	50	34	s	57	42	s	64	44	s	57	42	sh	56	38	pc
Indiana, PA	48	34	sh	61	46	s	62	46	sh	58	42	pc	57	42	t
Jamestown, NY	41	33	sf	56	42	s	63	41	sh	49	40	pc	49	38	t
Kittanning, PA	48	35	sh	62	45	s	61	45	sh	58	42	pc	58	41	t
Lisbon, OH	50	34	s	61	44	s	63	44	sh	54	39	pc	53	39	t
Mansfield, OH	54	36	s	63	44	s	57	40	t	54	37	pc	50	34	t
Marietta, OH	54	33	s	67	44	s	65	43	sh	57	45	pc	56	40	t
McKeesport, PA	51	34	s	62	47	s	66	44	sh	56	41	pc	57	41	t
Meadville, PA	47	36	pc	58	44	s	60	42	sh	52	38	pc	50	39	t
Morgantown, WV	52	34	s	63	42	s	63	43	sh	56	43	pc	61	41	t
New Castle, PA	49	34	s	61	45	s	61	42	sh	55	41	pc	56	40	t
Oil City, PA	48	32	sh	61	42	s	63	41	sh	55	39	pc	57	41	t
Pittsburgh, PA	50	32	s	62	42	s	62	42	sh	55	40	pc	57	39	t
Sharon, PA	49	34	s	61	44	s	63	41	sh	53	39	pc	54	40	t
Somerset, PA	42	33	s	57	44	s	56	45	sh	52	40	pc	51	37	t
Steubenville, OH	50	35	s	63	46	s	61	42	sh	55	42	pc	56	39	t
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Warren, OH	49	34	s	61	44	s	62	42	sh	54	40	pc	54	40	t
Washington, PA	50	29	s	60	39	s	63	41	sh	53	38	pc	55	37	c
Waynesburg, PA	51	31	s	63	42	s	62	43	sh	54	42	pc	58	39	t
Wheeling, WV	51	36	s	65	47	s	62	42	sh	56	43	pc	57	39	t
Youngstown, OH	49	33	s	61	44	s	63	41	sh	53	40	pc	54	40	t
Wooster, OH	50	32	s	61	40	s	61	41	sh	54	37	pc	53	37	t
Zanesville, OH	55	35	s	65	43	s	59	43	sh	60	41	pc	56	38	t

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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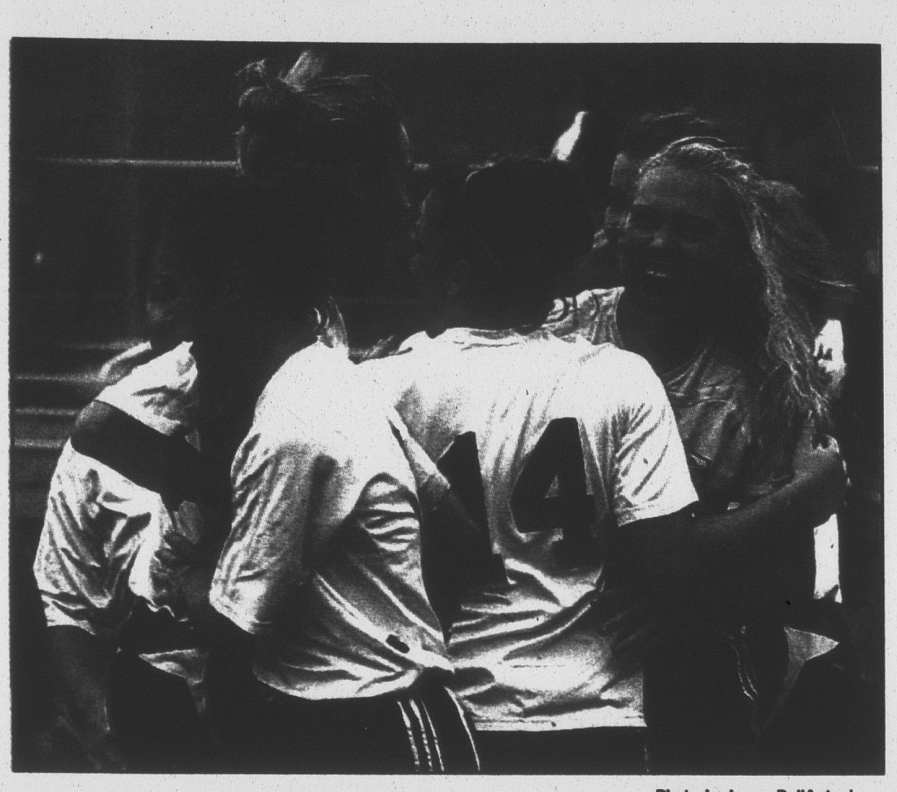
Calderone kicks Westminster into next round



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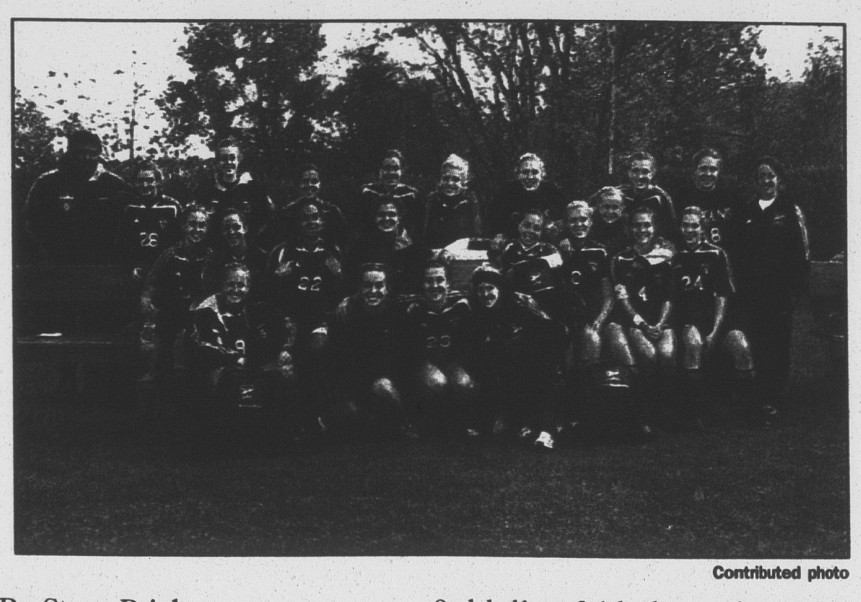
The team celebrates after a goal by freshman Jessi Losteter.



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By Steve Brink
Staff Writer

Westminster's women's soccer team will be moving on in the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament. The Lady Titans scored five goals in the opening round win, as they pounded the College of Notre Dame of Maryland by a score of 5-1. Westminster outshot Notre Dame by an astounding margin of 33-7. Westminster also held the advantage in corner kicks, 6-4. The Lady Titans move to 17-4-1 on the season, after the Wednesday's victory.

Junior forward Sarah Calderone carried the Titans as she had three goals, two of which came in the opening half. Freshman Jessica Losteter and sophomore Mallory Bugel added goals as well.

Calderone got things going as she started off the scoring with her first goal at the 10:10 mark in the opening half. Westminster built up a 3-0 lead, but Notre Dame made it 3-1 as Catherine Vecchioni scored twenty-seven minutes into the 1st half to cut the lead to two.

Notre Dame would get no closer.

Calderone scored her 2nd goal of the afternoon with just over two minutes to go before halftime, to give the Lady Titans a 4-1 advantage.

Calderone scored her 3rd and final goal of the day late in the 2nd half, to finish the scoring at 5-1. Sophomore Kaitlyn Hardman provided the assist on Calderone's final goal.

Freshman goalkeeper Whitney Griffin got the win in net as she recorded two saves in the victory. Notre Dame goalkeeper Courtney Zgraggen made fourteen saves in a losing effort.

After the shocking loss in the opening round of the PAC Tournament last week, this certainly is a huge momentum boost for the Lady Titans.

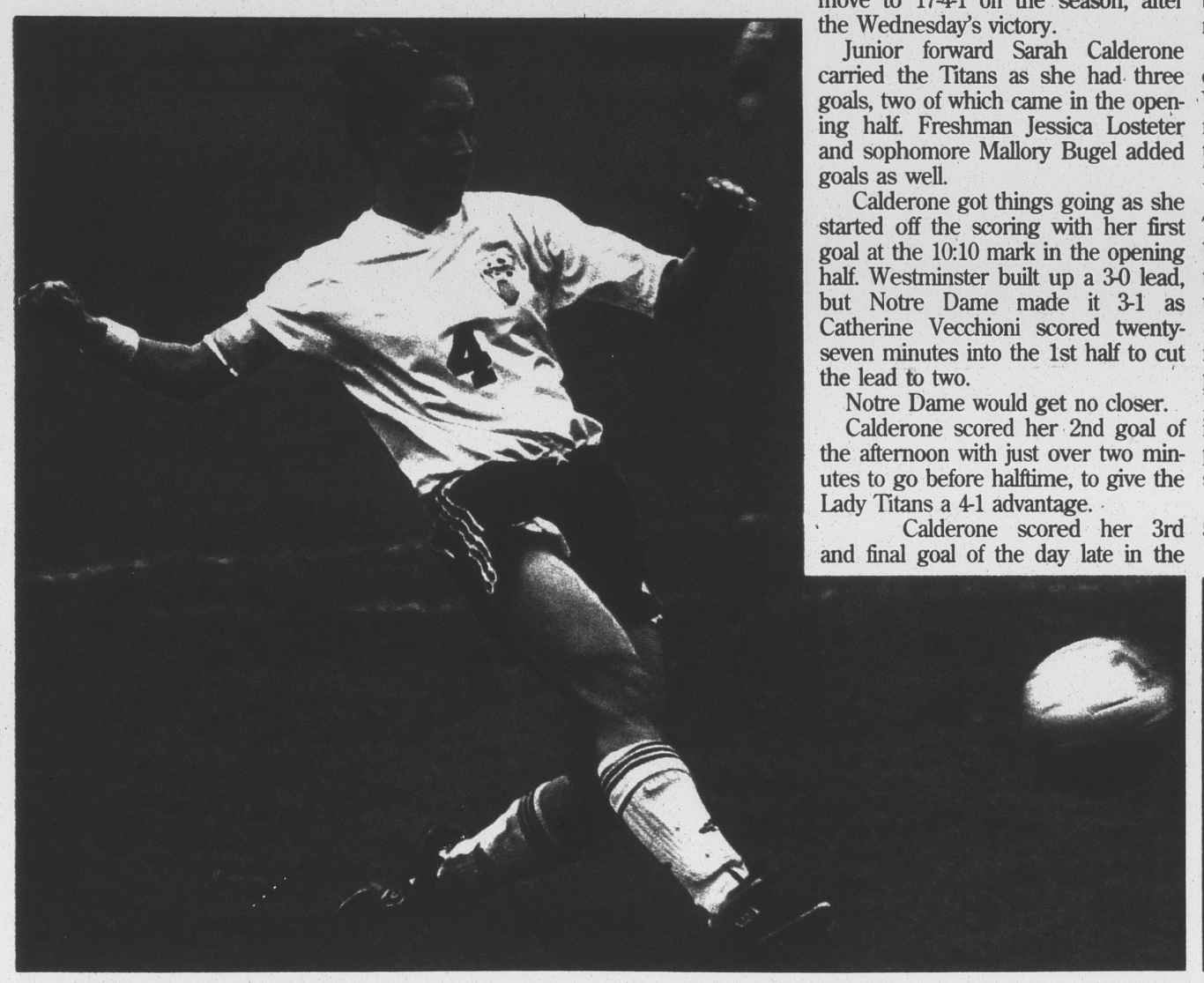
"It was definitely a big confidence builder going into this weekend," senior forward Tara Hoellerman said.

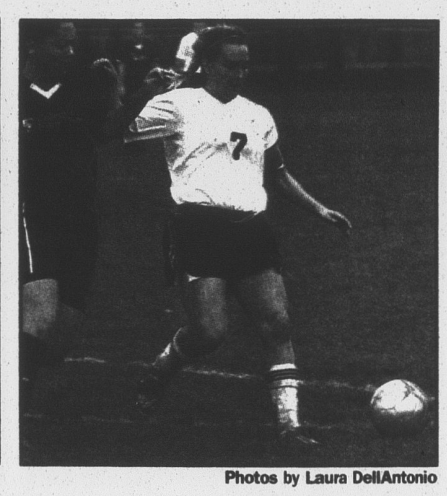
And looking ahead to this weekend, Westminster travels to West Windsor, New Jersey for their 2nd round matchup. The Lady Titans will take on nationally ranked College of New Jersey.

"They're a really good team. They're undefeated, and they had a bye in the first round, so that means they're one of the top four teams in the tournament," said Hoellerman.

The New Jersey Lions are actually ranked 2nd in the nation and have a perfect 18-0 record this season. The Lions recieved the New Jersey Athletic Conference's automatic bid into the playoffs, by winning the regular season and tournament titles.

Game time for Saturday is set for 5:00 pm.





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Junior Sarah Calderone (left) shoots and scores the first of her three goals for the afternoon. Sophomore Mallory Bugel (right) rushes past an opponent en route to her twenty-first goal of the season.

Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

It's goodbye time

How many of you faithful Holcad readers love Terrell Owens? Well, I hate the dude, so to those opposed I would suggest flipping back to Bryan Peck's column.

Earlier in the week, Owens criticized the Eagles for failing to properly recognize his 100th touchdown reception on Oct. 23. Hey, T.O., can I see that ball? I'd love to show you how your 100th touchdown reception should be celebrated.

Then, when Brett Favre's future seemed gloomy enough (I.e. my column last week), Terrell Owens stated that the Eagles would be better off with Favre as their quarterback.

Poor Brett.

T.O. was partially right, as the Eagles do have room for improvement. On the other hand, Charles Johnson and Yancey Thigpen would be an improvement at wide receiver over the detestable Owens.

For these events, as well as many other disgusting contributions that Owens has made to the NFL during his tenure with Philly, Owens will sit-out three more games (in addition the Sunday night 17-10 loss to Washington). Philadelphia has already hinted at the deactivation of Owens after the suspension.

Owens has, in seven games, posted 47 receptions for 763 yards, while adding six scores. Obviously incredible numbers, but they still play a secondary role to Owens' loud mouth and annoying personality.

ESPN's Sean Salisbury described Owens the best.

"He's a great football player and a terrible teammate," Salisbury stated on NFL Live.

No one has ever questioned his athletic ability, but if Owens does become a free agent next season, hopefully, no one will care.

I realize that the entire world does not share my view, but I would love to see the NFL oust Owens. If I were an NFL owner, I would seek the receiving abilities of Kordell Stewart rather than T.O.

Would anyone else find humor in all 32 NFL teams passing on the services of the NFL's finest loud mouth receiver?

Jason Mackey is a senior broadcast communications major. He can be seen weekly on Coach's Corner (7 p.m. on the WCN) and also meets the mandatory "Abercrombie Requirement."

Titans week in review

By Tom Heath
Staff Writer

The season for the Lady Titan volleyball team came to a disappointing end Friday as they were defeated in the first round by host team Waynesburg. They were defeated in three straight games 30-24, 30-20, 30-23. Waynesburg, the top seed, after a strong showing Friday against the Titans, was defeated by Washington & Jefferson Saturday in the championship. The Presidents split the regular season series even with the Titans. Although the weekend didn't end up in our favor, two Titans were placed on the 2005 All Conference team. Senior outside hitter Erin Hinks earned first team status while junior setter Rachel Cooper earned her way onto the second team. Congratulations on a great season.

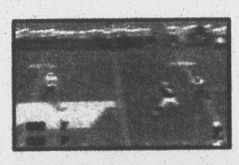
The action continued on Saturday as the men's and women's swim teams competed in their first dual meet against Division II Ashland University. The Lady Titans suffered their first loss of the season 117-88 to a tough Ashland team. The Titans had three individual winners: Becky Giles in the 200 IM, Steph Peters in the 100 freestyle, and freshman Megan Mier in the 200 backstroke. The Lady Titans are back in action this coming Saturday against Allegheny College.

On the men's side, things didn't turn out the way they had hoped posting a 102-102 tie against the Eagles. There was without a doubt some controversy surrounding this score. In the last event of the meet, apparently there was a touchpad malfunction, and the score for the Titans did not register. Along with this, Ashland did not dual time all of the events on the finish, which is commonplace at most meets. Regardless, junior All-American Ryan 'Boston' Trunk led the way for the Titans with three first place finishes. Ryan won the 100, 200 freestyle and also leading the 400 medley relay teams to a win. Also on the 400 team were junior Pat Smith, senior BJ Seig, and sophomore Scott Podbielski. The team is back in action Saturday against Allegheny College.

Finally, the Lady Titan soccer team was in action Wednesday in the first round of the NCAA tournament at home. The Titans were victorious 5-1 against Notre Dame College (Md.). Sarah Calderone led the Titans in scoring with a hat trick and Jessica Losteter, Mallory Bugel each added a goal. The Titans outshot Notre Dame 33-7. With this win, the team breaks the record for most wins in a season. The Titans next travel to Ewing New Jersey to face the College of New Jersey (18-0) Saturday at 5 PM.

Best Eggs of the week

Adam Hadbvany Sack for 6 yards 6



Shane Coughlin gets pick off tip ball 5

Interception Dave Issler 12 yard return 4

Brett Ziegler 43 yard TD from J.R. Barley 3

Ross Trimmer picks up fumble for 42 yard TD 2

Team celebrates 14 yard winning TD 1

Each week watch Justin Egley crack into some of the best plays of the week on the *County Line* on the Westminster College Cable Network, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

A&E Arts & Entertainment

The Weatherman
Forecast calls for partly cloudy skies

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Ruts. We've all been there. Those periods in our lives where life just seems to throw us curveballs we just can't hit. And of course, there are the occasionally periods where life just throws us in front of a pitching machine and lets the balls pummel us relentlessly. The Weather Man is a film about a guy doing what he can to make the best out of the curveballs he's thrown.

Nicolas Cage plays David Spritz, the weather man for a Chicago news station. He's currently separated from his wife, Noreen (Hope Davis), and his son and daughter. He has a successful career but realizes that something is missing. He feels inadequate to his Pulitzer Prize-winning father Robert Spritz (Michael Caine) and can't seem to figure out why people throw fast food at him from the street. After all, why would anyone want to throw a Frosty at the weatherman?

As David awaits news on a job offer in New York City for a national morning show, he ponders why his marriage failed (it could have been from forgetting to bring home tartar sauce), and why his kids—especially his daughter Shelly—seem so lost and depressed. He honestly tries his best to be a good father, but if he can't even predict the weather, he really can't read his kids' minds.

As David is questioning the purpose of his existence, his father learns that he has lymphoma and about three months to live. Once he receives the news, David realizes that he needs to do something with his life quickly so his dad doesn't think that he's a complete screw-up. He decides to try to exert extra effort to win over his wife again and connect with his kids. In the meantime, he finds solace in the unlikely source of archery. Over the next couple months he realizes (thanks to advice from his dad), that in this sh*t life you have to chuck some things out in order to make it through. Like chucking a Frosty out the window at someone you don't like, you sometimes have to let go of some things.

Nicolas Cage is one of those great actors who can pull off the subtleties of a character extremely well. Paired opposite with Michael Caine, there's some pretty great acting in this movie. It's a lesson about life learned from a small excerpt of a weatherman's career. Like the weather, life can be unpredictable with the path the wind is going to blow you.

Rating: B+

Sherri is a junior English major with a film studies minor. Sherri is known to be gruff until she's had her daily caffeine fix. Of course, after the gruffness clears, she'll never stop yammering in your ear.

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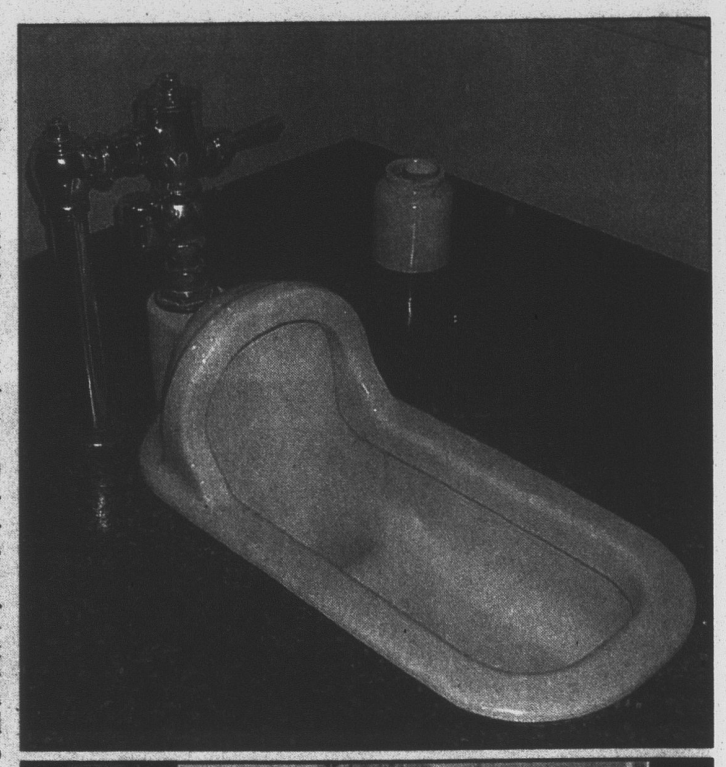
Nicolas Cage plays a down-on-his-luck meteorologist in *The Weather Man*.

Toilet training at fifteen

By Samantha Leipheimer
Contributing writer



Photos by Natalie Coccia

These are examples of the toilets which Sam encountered in her first days in Japan.

I confess; I had to learn how to use a toilet at the age of 15.

I know what you're thinking: what's wrong with that girl if she has to be toilet trained at 15?

Well, nothing, actually.

You see, when I was 15, I moved from Waxahachie, TX to Tokyo, Japan (yes, I mean the country).

My dad was offered a job two weeks before school started, we accepted, I said goodbye to my friends, and we flew away.

After the sixteen hour plane ride, needless to say, I had to use the lavatory. So, I walked into the restroom in the airport only to find a bowl in the ground! What was I to do?

Looking at the seat-less hole in the ground, I could not figure out the manner in which to use that particular toilet. So, I looked in the next stall and, thank goodness, I found a "western style" toilet... well almost.

Next to the seat was a panel of buttons. There was a button that made a flushing noise, one that heated the seat, and one that sprayed you with water for cleaning (if you catch my drift).

The toilet itself even had a sink on the back. When you flush the toilet, the clean water comes out of the pipes and into a little faucet over the back of the toilet to wash your hands. The next time you flush, that water you just used to wash your hands fills up the toilet bowl (talk about water conservation).

The house that we later moved into had the same type of toilet. It definitely took some getting used to. I was expecting interesting technology in Japan, but not as far as lavatories are concerned. Don't worry though, when I go back home, I no longer have this dilemma. After five years, I am now a pro at any style toilet the Japanese can throw at me.

Inside McDonald's

Leah talks to someone behind the counter

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

I realize it would be pointless for me to critique a McDonald's. I wonder if anyone on this campus has actually never been to one. If you haven't, too bad, this article goes behind the scenes about the restaurant and the workers — not the food.

Just like in the beginning of the year when I did "Forty-Five Minutes in the Life of a Waitress," I thought it would be educational for all of us to hear what it's like to work at McDonald's from one of our own students, junior Derek Ferrier. Ferrier has worked at McDonald's in his hometown for four-and-a-half years and continues to work there on breaks. I know from my own experience as a waitress how some customers can treat someone in the food service, so I thought it would be interesting to hear what happens in the fast food industry. People who are in a hurry tend to cause the most problems. At a sit-down restaurant, we only get a few of those, but in fast-food, I would assume that 95% of people coming in are in some kind of a hurry.

"Some people are patient and understand that this isn't the best job in the world," Ferrier said. "But others complain while waiting and even after they get their food. They seem to feel that we are below them."

I know that sometimes I have to wait a while in the drive-thru line, and I've heard others complain about this, too. But is it really that big of a deal that we need to get all bent out of shape and make idiots out of ourselves? Are we really that hungry?

If it makes you feel any better, McDonald's is in the top 10% of all drive-thrus in the nation. The particular restaurant that Ferrier works for won "Store of the Year" in 2004 in the Pittsburgh region.

"The clock starts as soon as someone orders their first item and we punch it into the computer. We target to have the food out 90 seconds from that point," Ferrier said. "Sometimes it takes longer if there is a huge order or if people want something special, like fries without salt."

There are quite a few interesting stories that come into play in the food service. Ferrier told me one story about a man who "supposedly" ordered his meal in the drive-thru, left the drive-thru to go home, put gas in his car, and then came back to pick up his burgers, claiming that he had already paid.

Moral of the story: once again, be patient with those working in the food industry, especially fast food. It's still fast even if it isn't out in 90 seconds. You do not have to cook it, and that is the main thing. And finally, fill up your gas tank before or after you get your food, not during the "wait."

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

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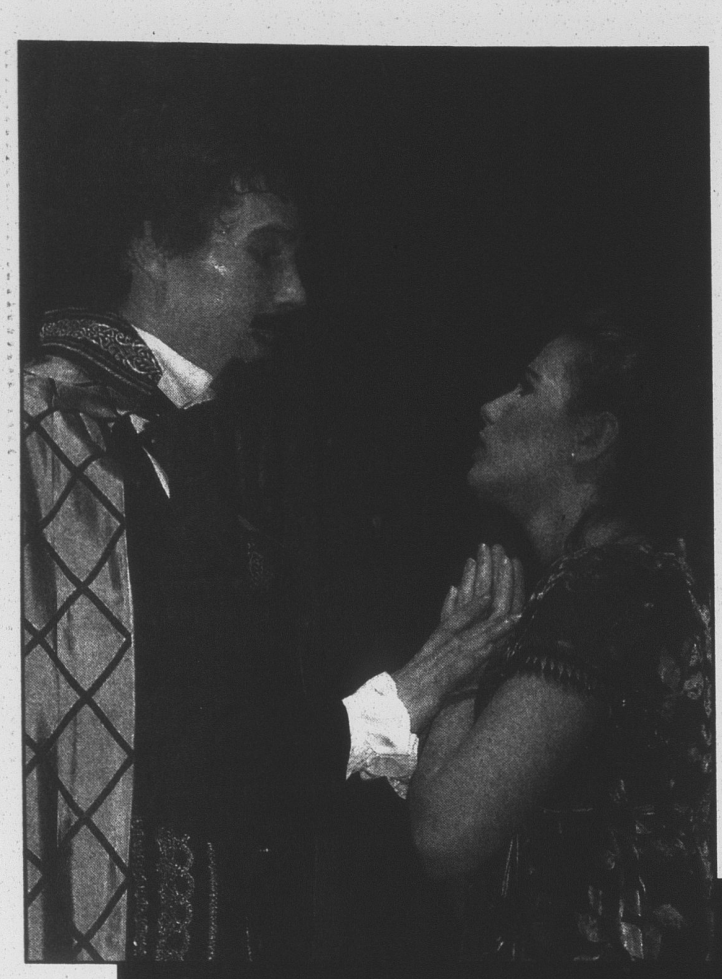
The Count of Monte Cristo



Book-Movie-Play

By Nawal Rajeh
Staff writer
and Maggie Muir
Contributing writer

You may have seen the movie "The Count of Monte Cristo." Perhaps you even read the book. But now, this story is being told through an all new medium- theater, and it's making its debut at Westminster College this weekend

Westminster is one of the first colleges that is fortunate enough to get the rights to perform this play.

In fact, this will be the first appearance of the play on the East Coast.

More than 65 students are involved in this play in some way and have been working tirelessly to pull this fantastic production together.

"There are some veterans and a lot of new people, as well," said Senior John Bucko. The stage crew, the cast, and the even the THE 111 class are all a part of this play's success.

Sophomore, theater major, Tracy Harmon has been working with other members of the stage crew to get the lights and sounds just right.

"So much effort went into this show that it would be shame to miss it. It's very exciting; there's something for everyone. It's full of romance, sword fighting, and revenge," said Harmon.

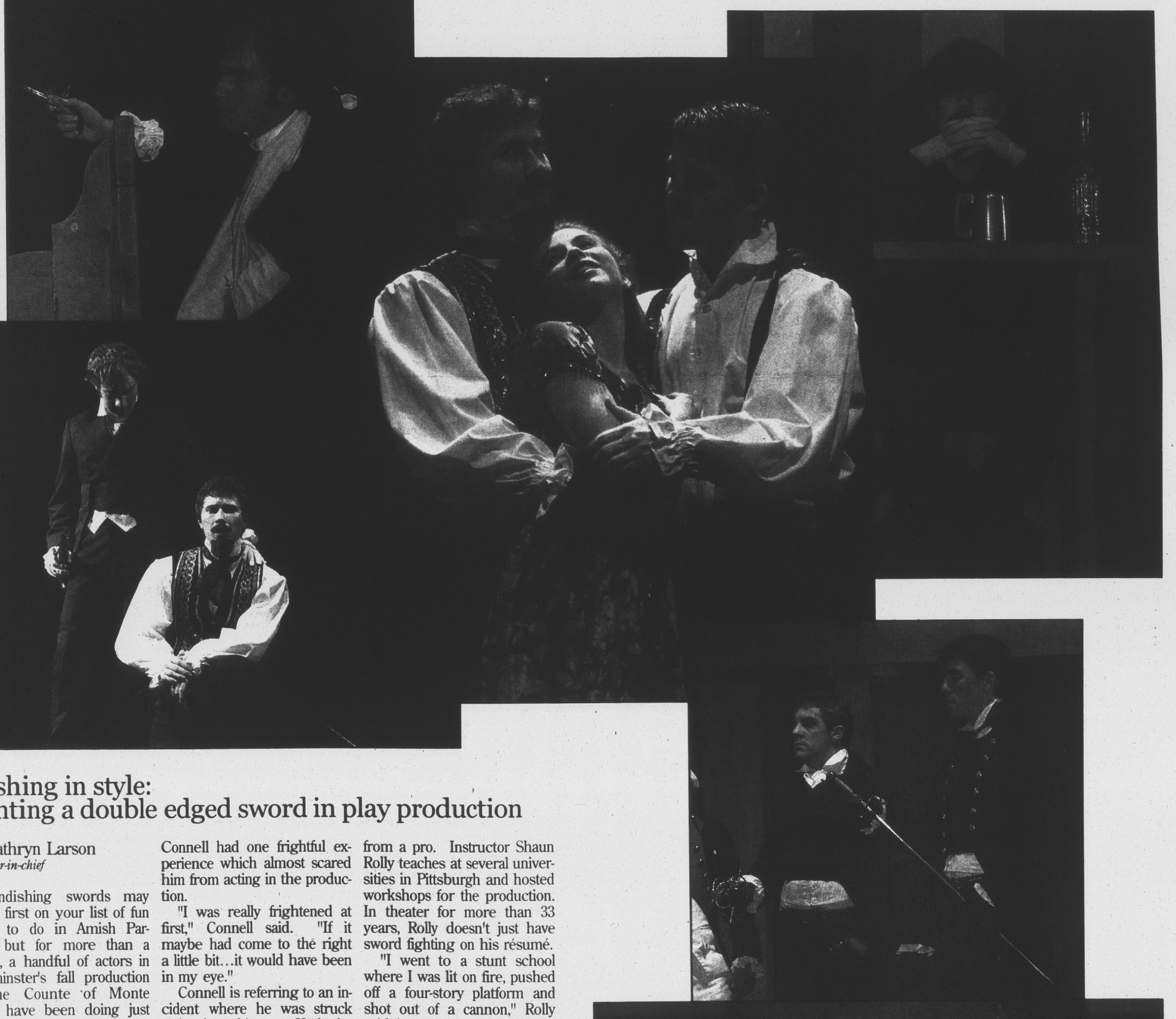
Don't take it from us- to illustrate just how special this play is, we got the insider's view from senior Maggie Muir, who is part of the production. Read on to hear about the secrets of this special show.

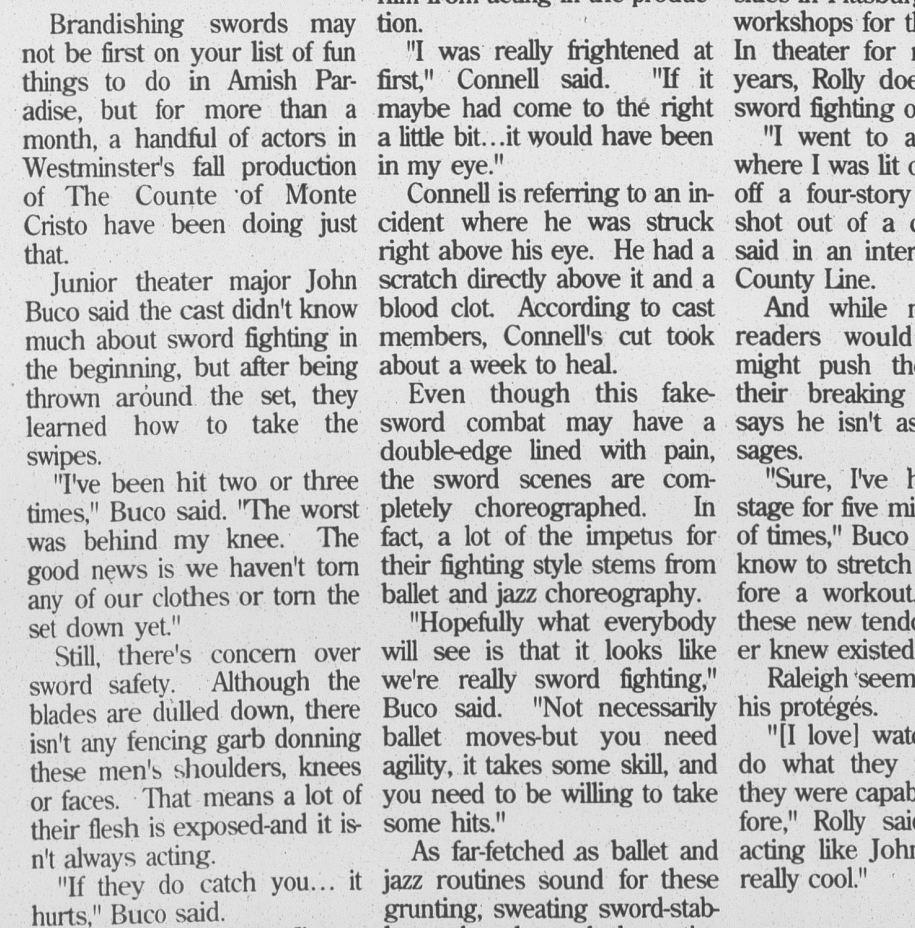
"Who is the Count of Monte Cristo?" and in some cases, "What is the Count of Monte Cristo?" Originally a novel, adapted to film, and now a play, Theatre Westminster, for the first time performed on the East coast, presents a thrilling action, romance adventure, the Count of Monte Cristo!

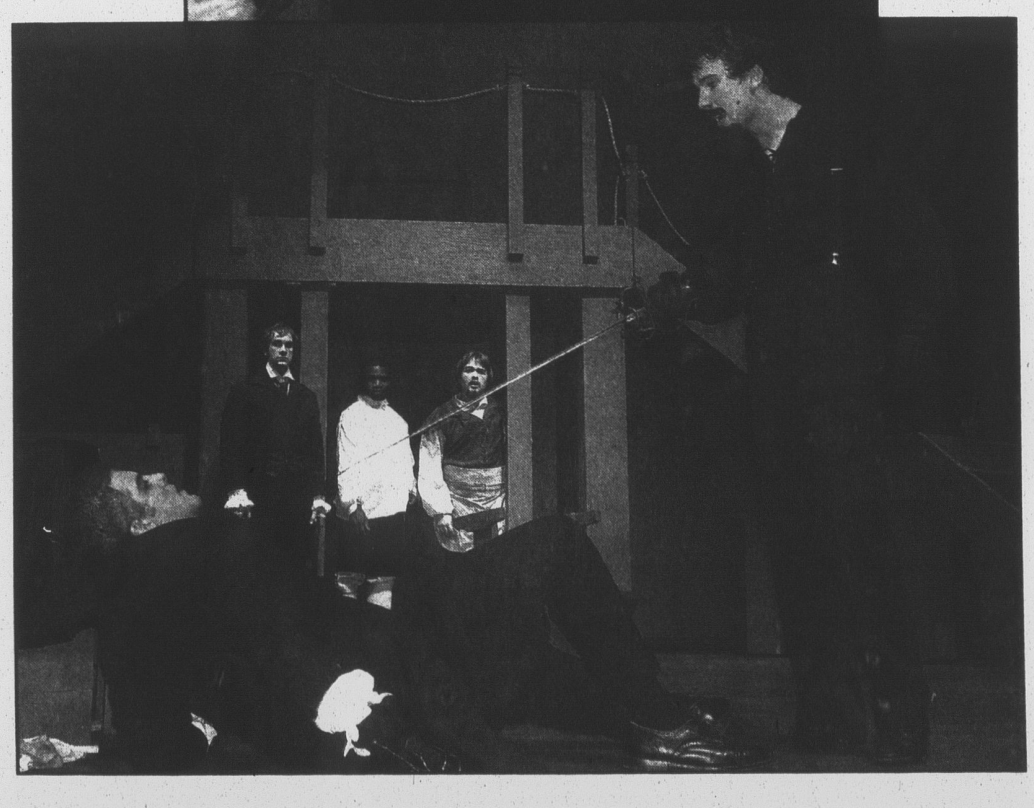
Amidst the real swords, fake breasts, and almost real thunderstorms, this production really is one of a kind, as immediately following the final performance, all scripts of "Count" must be ritually sacrificed in a bon fire, to be held following the striking down of the set. In protecting copyrights and preserving the authenticity of this play, by demand of its author, not a single script may remain in an actor's possession. Although no set plans have been formulated, there is a rumor of a bonfire to be held the weekend following the play in which the ship's wheel, Mercedes' push-up bra, three guns, a few wigs, and the scripts will be enflamed while members of the cast sing a traditional French folksong in remembrance of the show, and their many hours spent together.

Because of the swords, gunfire, and thunderstorms, this production is a somewhat high-tech show, with a large amount of emphasis on lighting and backstage work, as well as the ever exciting "age" make-up, making young adults decrepit and ancient, finding the pirate's delight (a.k.a. a sunken chest) surprisingly Reubenesque, as well as an abundance of hair in the form of wigs, beards, moustaches, ponytails, and everything else imaginable.

The Count of Monte Cristo undoubtedly appeals to any conceivable audience of all ages, because of its diverse content, ranging from pirates to lovers to deceit and betrayal, with no down time on stage. Come see for yourself, who is the Count of Monte Cristo.







Clashing in style: Fighting a double edged sword in play production

By Kathryn Larson
Co-editor-in-chief

Brandishing swords may not be first on your list of fun things to do in Amish Paradise, but for more than a month, a handful of actors in Westminster's fall production of The Counte of Monte Cristo have been doing just that.

Junior theater major John Buco said the cast didn't know much about sword fighting in the beginning, but after being thrown around the set, they learned how to take the swipes.

"I've been hit two or three times," Buco said. "The worst was behind my knee. The good news is we haven't torn any of our clothes or torn the set down yet."

Still, there's concern over sword safety. Although the blades are dulled down, there isn't any fencing garb donning these men's shoulders, knees or faces. That means a lot of their flesh is exposed-and it isn't always acting.

"If they do catch you… it hurts," Buco said.

Senior theater major Jimmy Connell had one frightful experience which almost scared him from acting in the production.

"I was really frightened at first," Connell said. "If it maybe had come to the right a little bit…it would have been in my eye."

Connell is referring to an incident where he was struck right above his eye. He had a scratch directly above it and a blood clot. According to cast members, Connell's cut took about a week to heal.

Even though this fake-sword combat may have a double-edge lined with pain, the sword scenes are completely choreographed. In fact, a lot of the impetus for their fighting style stems from ballet and jazz choreography.

"Hopefully what everybody will see is that it looks like we're really sword fighting," Buco said. "Not necessarily ballet moves-but you need agility, it takes some skill, and you need to be willing to take some hits."

As far-fetched as ballet and jazz routines sound for these grunting, sweating sword-stabbers, they learned these tips from a pro. Instructor Shaun Rolly teaches at several universities in Pittsburgh and hosted workshops for the production. In theater for more than 33 years, Rolly doesn't just have sword fighting on his résumé.

"I went to a stunt school where I was lit on fire, pushed off a four-story platform and shot out of a cannon," Rolly said in an interview with the County Line.

And while most sensitive readers would think Rolly might push these actors to their breaking points, Buco says he isn't asking for massages.

"Sure, I've had to lie on stage for five minutes a couple of times," Buco said. "I didn't know to stretch our hands before a workout. I found all these new tendons that I never knew existed."

Raleigh seems pleased with his protégés.

"[I love] watching students do what they never thought they were capable of doing before," Rolly said. "Up there acting like Johnny Depp…it's really cool."

Sexual Assault Awareness Week

"One in Four" to speak on-campus

By Nawal Rajeh
Staff Writer

They call themselves "One in Four," four guys traveling around the country in an RV. They are not a band, but they are on tour, stopping at colleges all across the states; their next stop- Westminster College.

Matt Thompson and Chris Renjilian are recent graduates of William and Mary, Grant Shafer of James Madison University, and Daniel McCool of the University of Virginia. Instead of pursuing careers or graduate studies, these four young men have decided to take a year and do something they feel is more important; educate students about sexual assault.

The group's name comes from the startling statistic that one out of every four college women has survived rape or attempted rape since their fourteenth birthday. One in Four was started eleven years ago by John Foubert, a professor of education at William and Mary, with the goal of educating men on how to help a sexual assault survivor. He later set up the non-profit organization NO MORE, which helps start more chapters around the country. Sixteen schools currently have these chapters, created by men, for men. In fact, the audiences are also, usually only for men.

Matt, Chris, Daniel, and Grant will be on campus Tuesday, Nov. 15 and will hold four sessions throughout the day in the Witherspoon rooms that are for men only. Their presentation: "How to Prevent Sexual Assault and Help Survivors: What Men Can Do," will be held at 9:20 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. One session will be co-ed and will be held at 3:00 p.m.

The One in Four tours have recently been featured in "O" magazine as well as other publications. Campus counselor Babs Quincy first heard about them on a counseling mailing list and began to take the steps to set up for this tour to stop on our campus.

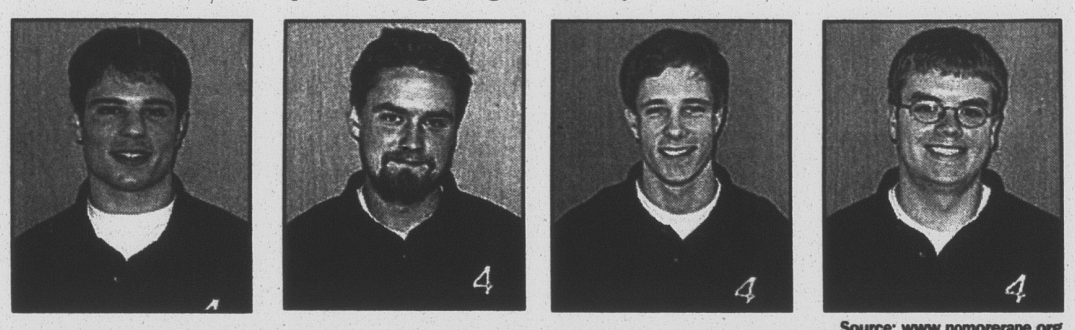
"I think it's a unique and innovative approach to get across the information. It's by men, geared toward men who are all near the same age; they are peer educators," Quincy said.

They will be coming to Westminster's campus as part of the Respect: Sexual Assault Awareness Week (Nov. 14-18) being organized by the school's sexual assault task force. This is the second Respect week and there are a number of educational opportunities and ways to get involved. Students will have the opportunity to sign a pledge to create a community of respect in the TUB. Similar to last year, students who sign the pledge will be able to place their signature and handprint on a banner.

Other opportunities throughout the week include a session for female students presented by Debbie Wiech of the Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County about "Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention" at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge.

Also, on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Mueller Theater, a short video will be shown that was written and directed by Bob Allen (class of 2005) about sexual assault among friends on campus.

The banner hanging on Wednesday, November 16 at 4:15 p.m. in the TUB will be broadcast live and all are invited to attend.

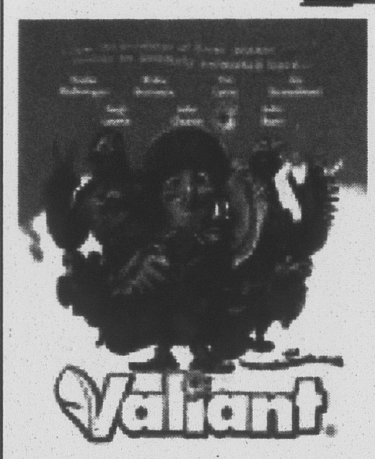


Source: www.nomorerape.org

Renjilian, McCool, Schafer and Thompson will speak in the Witherspoon rooms multiple times next week. See the article above or the campus calendar on Page B-5 for times and topics.

McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

"Valiant" OPEN "The Island"



Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater

8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
3:00PM	Sunday	9:00 PM

FRIDAY!
Springhill Concert
8:00 pm
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

Late Night
Mon-Tue-Thurs
10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
The Club Room

MONDAY Night Football! 9:00pm Club Room

COMING SOON...

Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

Dec. 2	Titan's Tavern	Jan. 27	Texas Holdem
Dec. 9	Comic- Dan Ahdoot	Feb. 10	Mardi Gras
Dec. 10	Night Owl Bowling	Feb. 24	Jazz Concert
		Mar. 3-5	Lil Sib's Weekend

An Open Letter to the Westminster College Community:

Sexual assault is a serious and under-reported problem on college campuses nationwide. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, 90 percent of rape victims attending colleges and universities knew their offenders (Bureau of Justice Statistics. December 2000). Though located in a quiet and generally safe rural area, Westminster College is not immune to the problems of the wider world. In the last few years, students have reported two rapes and three incidents of forcible sex (Reported crime statistics for Westminster College). Anecdotal evidence indicates that those numbers should be higher. In 2003, Westminster students formed the Sexual Assault Task Force to raise awareness about the issue.

The first event that the Task Force will sponsor this year is **Respect: Sexual Assault Awareness**. Beginning Monday, November 14th at noon, through 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 16th, we invite you to help develop understanding about the issue by participating in several events designed to focus attention on the problem of sexual assault. You can sign a pledge of support and respect. You can participate in a discussion on the subject with One in Four, a group of young male speakers, or with a representative from the Rape Crisis Center. Finally, you can add your hand print to the Sexual Assault Awareness Banner before it is hung in the McKelvey Campus Center at 4:15 on November 16th.

We, the members of the Sexual Assault Task Force, encourage you to add your name to ours as we begin to raise awareness about this important issue in the hope of reducing and even eliminating the problem. Watch for more detailed information on how you can help as the event draws nearer.

Calendar

November 11, 2005
VETERANS' DAY
3:15 PM - 4:30 PM Guest Speaker: Kirsten Elstner, Photojournalist – Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
3:15 PM First-Year Program: Kirsten Elstner, International Photojournalist and Freelance Photographer, "Culture and the Camera" – Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt
5:00 PM Football Senior Roast – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
7:00 PM "The Mars Show" – Planetarium, 116 Hoyt
7:30 PM Theatre Westminster: Count of Monte Cristo – Beeghly Theater
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Valiant – MCC Mueller Theater
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Island – MCC Mueller Theater

November 12, 2005
1:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Allegheny (H)
1:30 PM Football at Waynesburg
2:00 PM Honors Chorus Concert – Orr Auditorium
3:30 PM Students' Saxophone Recital: Anna Long, Desmond Wallace, Amanda Allwang, Kevin Shields, and Allison Henley – Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:00 PM "The Mars Show" – Planetarium, 116 Hoyt
7:30 PM Theatre Westminster: Count of Monte Cristo – Beeghly Theater
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Island – MCC Mueller Theater
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November 13, 2005
Day Retreat at Chaplain's Home
2:30 PM Theatre Westminster: Count of Monte Cristo – Beeghly Theater
3:00 PM Student Recital: Shawn Reynolds, oboe and English horn – Orr Auditorium
3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Valiant – MCC Mueller Theater
8:15 PM Men's Ministry: Steelers vs. Browns – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Island – MCC Mueller Theater

November 14, 2005
Sorority Meetings
Sexual Assault Awareness Week
7:30 PM Hensel Bicentennial: A Recital of Songs by Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel – Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:30 PM Voice Recital: Anne Hagan Bentz, soprano; David Smith, tenor – Wallace Memorial Chapel
7:30 PM Christian Education Guest Speaker: Dr. Laura Smit, Calvin College Dean of Chapel – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

November 15, 2005
"No More" – MCC Witherspoon Maple
Harassment Prevention Training for Employees – Phillips Lecture Hall
Sexual Assault Awareness Week
9:20 AM - 10:50 AM One in Four Workshop #1 – MCC Witherspoon Maple
12:30 PM - 12:30 PM Techniques and Strategies to Battle Stress – Student Health Center
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Sexual Assault Prevention Workshop – MCC Berlin Student Lounge
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM One in Four Workshop #2 – MCC Witherspoon Maple
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM One in Four Workshop #3 – MCC Witherspoon Maple
7:00 PM Jake Erhardt International Film Series: The Official Story, 1985, Best Foreign Film Oscar Winner, Argentina – MCC Mueller Theater
7:30 PM Handbell Choir Concert – New Wilmington Presbyterian Church
7:45 PM - 9:15 PM One in Four Workshop #4 – MCC Witherspoon Maple

November 16, 2005
Sexual Assault Awareness Week
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Tim Cuff, "Historical Anthropometrics: What Is It and What Can It Tell Us About Antebellum Pennsylvania?" – MCC Mueller Theater
4:30 PM Sexual Awareness Film and Discussion – MCC Mueller Theater
6:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Washington and Jefferson (H)
7:30 PM Men's and Women's Choruses Concert – Wallace Memorial Chapel

November 17, 2005
Sexual Assault Awareness Week
7:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium: F. J. Hartland, Class of 1980, Playwright – MCC Mueller Theater
9:00 PM Stargazing on the Roof of Hoyt (weather permitting) – Meet in Hoyt Lobby

Sudoku!

This week, *The Holcad* brings to you another sudoku.
To solve a sudoku number puzzle, fill in each blank spot. There should be no duplicate numerals in rows or columns and there should be one of each number in each three by three square.
This puzzle is considered medium difficulty.

If you enjoyed our experiement, let us know! If you want more sudoku puzzles, let us know! Alternatively, if you prefer horoscopes, let us know!

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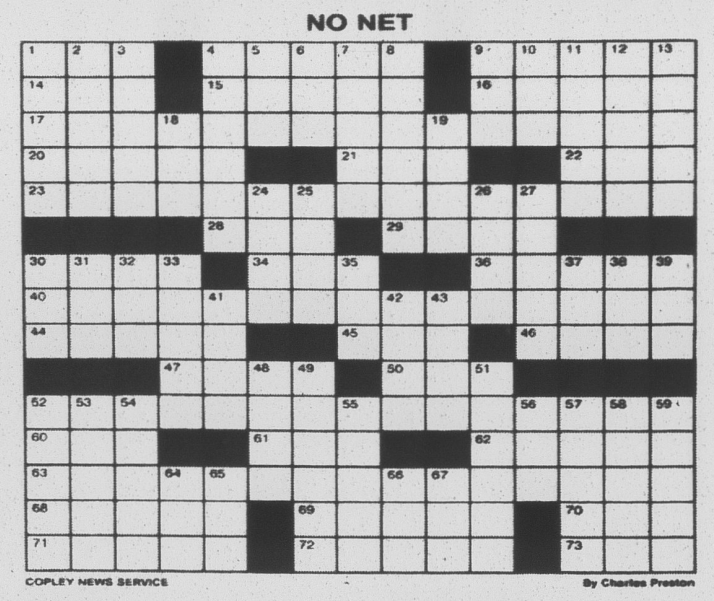

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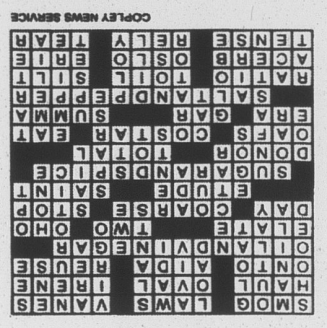

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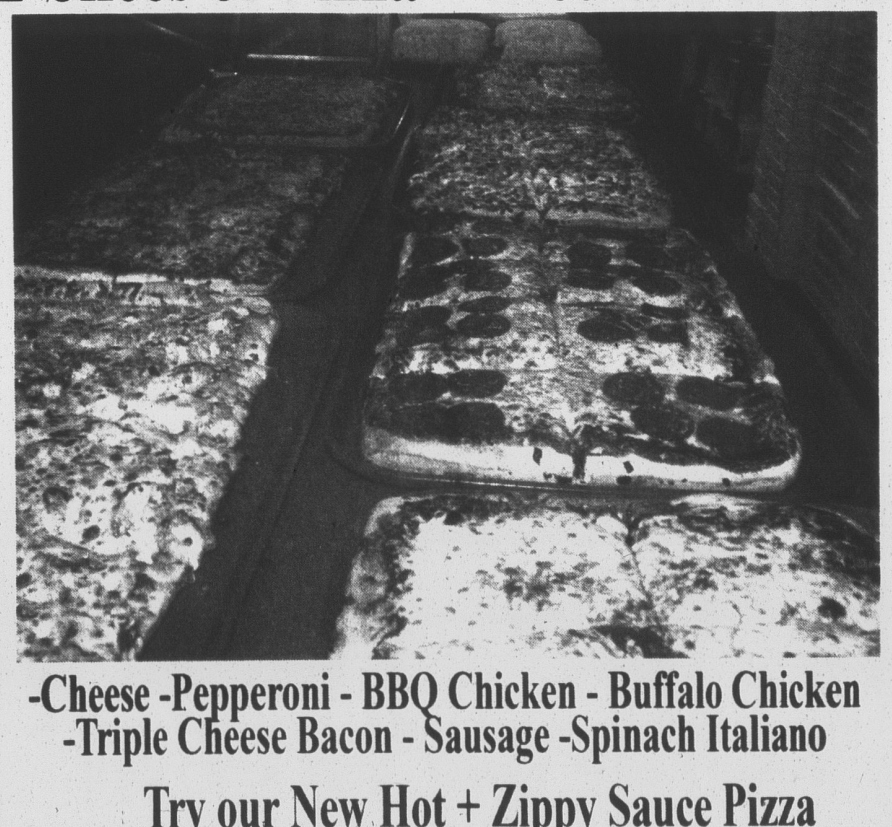

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FEATURES

The Captain is Back

Amanda Hauger investigates the "dry campus"

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

Westminster College's Alcohol/Drug Policy:

Because they are under the age of 21, Pennsylvania Law prohibits most Westminster students from drinking alcoholic beverages. For the sake of reasonable administration, and in order to create the best possible living and educational atmosphere, there shall be no use, possession, sale, or serving of alcoholic beverages by any student while on or in College property. In fairness to our students, the same policy applies to guests and visitors to our campus.

Alcohol Offenses:

3% Allegheny
2.8% Westminster
2.6% W&J
0.5% Grove City

*Percent of campus population written up for some type of alcohol related violation last year.

Since the age of time, Westminster has been a dry campus. This, however, has no connection to the dry town of New Wilmington, contrary to popular belief.

"A dry town is not allowed to have establishments that sell alcohol; a liquor store, bar or distributor," said director of security John Lechner.

Students are allowed to possess alcohol while in town, if they are of age, but no alcohol is allowed on the college campus. The dry campus has been a hot button for some students, particularly those over the age of 21, for some time now.

"We are adults and should be allowed to do what we want within the limits of the law," senior business administration major Lauren Scheller said.

Despite the fact that many Westminster students are of the legal drinking age, the college prohibts alcohol in the dorms. Lechner says that most students abide by the dry campus status.

"A majority of the students abide by the rules. There are a lot of students on campus that do not drink at all," said Lechner.

One of the hot topics involving alcohol are the townhouses. Students are worried that if they lost their ability to enter into an off-campus lottery, they will be stuck following the rules of the college even as upperclassmen.

"If the townhouses replace the off-campus lottery, I think if you're over 21 you should be allowed to have alcohol in your room because the college is taking away our right to live off campus and forcing us to live in student housing," said junior Leah Mazzocca.

In order to get all sides of the story, I spoke with officials from the following liberal arts colleges to see how they handle the issue of alcohol.

Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major, writing minor. Her favorite drink is a Long Island Iced Tea, although she doesn't drink them while on campus, despite the fact that she will be 22 next week.

Allegheny College

Allegheny College is a small liberal arts college located in Meadville, PA with a student population around 2,100. Students at Allegheny who are 21 and over are allowed to possess alcohol. They are permitted to possess it in their rooms and houses. Some other regulations include: no public intoxication, no open containers and at least one or more persons must be over 21 for alcohol to be permitted in their rooms, houses, etc. "We're not here to police the personal lives of our students, but we do investigate suspicious activities," said director of safety & security Kenneth Kensill.

Kensill worked at Mercyhurt College in Erie for several years. Mercyhurst was divided into a dry campus and a not-dry campus. Kensill worked on the dry campus and said alcohol was a huge problem. "I'm not sure if it was the idea that they were getting away with something, but we had many more problems on the dry campus," said Kensill.

Allegheny College also employs an alcohol task force to control any alcohol-related incidents.

Grove City

Grove City is another liberal arts college located right down the road from Westminster. Total student population numbers around 2,300, and the campus is also dry. Alcohol is prohibited on campus and also in town. The borough of Grove City is dry and does not allow open bars within its limits. In 2003, Grove City had only11 alcohol write-ups. "Generally the students do follow the rules," said director of campus safety Seth VanTil. "Prohibition doesn't completely eliminate the alcohol problem."

Washington & Jefferson

Washington and Jefferson College is another small liberal arts college located in Washington, PA. W & J is home to 1,400 students. Alcohol is not permitted in normal residence halls on campus. These halls are a mixture of freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors. Upperclassmen, however, that live in student suites and are of legal age are allowed to have alcohol. The students are limited to beer cans only, no hard liquor or bottles of any kind. The fraternity and sorority houses are allowed alcohol as well. Other limitations include no alcohol outside of any building, no kegs and no open containers.

Ed Cochran, the director of security and Chief of Police, says no campus has alcohol totally under control. "If anybody tells you they have it under control, they're fooling themselves. People are going to drink, and they are going to drink underage. We can't stop it, but it is our job to control it so that our students are safe," said Cochran.

Cochran believes a dry campus does not deter students from drinking. "At Westminster, you have fraternities right across the street. What kind of deterrence is that? I don't think it's going to deter anyone from drinking," said Cochran.

Washington & Jefferson also combines security guards and police officers to patrol the campus.

I Think I Fell in Love with Love Circuit

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

Let me introduce you to Sean Haughey. I first met Haughey at a party he was hosting. When I walked into his house, I saw a bunch of people dancing around in their pajamas and one very peculiar guy dancing on the kitchen island dressed up as Michael Jackson. That right there tells you how fun and interesting he is, but that's not all Haughey has to offer the world. He drew his friends together and created one of the most fun, attention-grabbing, outspoken bands this area has to offer.

Haughey is a very creative person not only through his ideals of fashion, but through the music of his band Love Circuit. Jessica (Jessica Darling), Mike (Pluto Diffusion), Gino (Caddy G. Smooth), Ricardo, and Erica are the other five that comprise Love Circuit. The band formed this past summer with Haughey's already written lyrics coming to life with dance melodies and rad electronic parts.

"Deep down we are really shy, nervous people," Haughey said.

In fact, the band is so shy that they created fake names they not only use on their MySpace music page, but even on a performing level.

"People who don't know me will know me as this name and it is kinda a defense against shyness," Haughey said.

Haughey goes by "Simeon Polaris" and is said to be the sort of genius behind the music by singing as well as playing the drums, guitar, and keyboard. "Jessica Darling" sings as well, but also plays any weird instrument Haughey can acquire. "Pluto Diffusion" is the guitarist and real musician behind the music. Haughey describes him as the one who makes their compositions make sense due to his actual ability to read music. "Caddy G. Smooth" is the drum player and programmer for all the fun electronic sounds they use.

Ricardo and Erika take care of the merch, act as managers, and draw a crowd to their shows.

"They are as big of a part as anyone," Haughey said.

Love Circuit chose their name upon a theory that people are close with friends because they have a very strong connection with them. In other words, "you are supposed to meet these people sometime in your life".

"This is why you cannot hate on anyone because you all have that one little thing in common," said Haughey.

This is exactly why he picked his closest friends and inspired them to form a band.

The band's first show was at the Bad Apple in Youngstown, Ohio. People with whom I spoke felt that Love Circuit was not only entertaining, but so different that one could not help but adore them.

The band has only one fully mixed track; it can be found on its MySpace site. It is entitled "Movie Star" and is not only catchy, but has an important message to tell its listeners.

"This is one of the things I was hoping you wouldn't ask," Haughey said after I questioned the meaning behind the song.

He explained it is about certain people in one's life who are very ungrateful for what other people do for them.

"You do it for you and not anyone else and if you say you are playing out, then you want something from them...if they say it's for the people, that's [expletive]," Haughey said.

Love Circuit is in no hurry to book shows and become caught up in the concept of money and recording.

"If you are going to make it an opportunity, I'll take it. It's just more about the music at the moment," Haughey said.

Strong lyrics in "Movie Star" express just that. "I'd like to thank the academy and all the people I have walked on to get here" is an example of lyrics used to describe their feelings towards some other bands. This song does not only speak out against ungrateful groups, but also relates the basic insecurities that all humans have when looking for acceptance from others

I would suggest checking out Love Circuit online at www.myspace.com/lovecircuit.

As of now, they are taking time out to rerecord and mix the electronic parts to fit into the timing of the songs. Their record should be finished by early March. For readers who would like to check Love Circuit out sooner, they will be performing at Elephest in New Waterford Village Park on Nov. 25 and will never fail to entertain and make you want to dance.

"We were made to entertain and that is exactly what we will do for you," Haughey said.

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Natalie Coccia is a junior media art major/PR minor despite the fact that she has not taken time to declare either at the registrar. As of now, she is struggling with her love-hate relationship with Myspace.

Q & A with one senior officer

Titan Eye Candy

Amanda Hauger takes us inside the world of one real life veteran

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At first I thought everyone should have to be in the military, although now I realize it's not for everyone, and people who are involved should want to be serving their country. It's a shame more young people don't take advantage of these opportunities.

This Veteran's Day has special meaning for one Westminster student. Emilee Gustkey is a 22 year-old senior psychology major from Butler, PA. She is just like any other typical college student; she is involved in Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and was a Resident Assistant for two years. One thing that makes her stand apart, however, is the fact that Emilee serves as a staff sergeant in the Air National Guard.

When she was just 17, Emilee enlisted in the Air National Guard after some encouragement from her father, an aircraft mechanic who served for 34 years. Her father was Chief Master Sergeant, the highest enlisted rank attainable. Emilee decided the military was a good option for her, especially because of the Education Assistance Program, which helps her pay for college.

Emilee has traveled many places within the country, from Las Vegas and Chicago, to Florida and Wisconsin. Her most interesting trip occurred in 2002, when she was stationed in Saudi Arabia. Emilee spent four months there, monitoring the no-fly zone over Iraq when Saddam Hussein was still in power. "I worked on a one-mile radius base for four months. You get cabin fever after awhile," said Gustkey. "Imagine being stuck at Westminster for four months straight."

Not only was the small base challenging to deal with, but the warm weather was also unbearable at times. "It was 115 degrees in May. They had heat stress conditions when you weren't supposed to go outside at all. It was unbelievably hot," said Gustkey.

Although she is now a senior in college, Emilee's service doesn't end when she returns to school. She must go home one weekend a month and two weeks a year to her home base at Coraopolis in order to remain active. Emilee has decided to postpone graduation until December 2006 and fly to England next semester with six other people from her home base. "We're going to fill in at a royal air base that sent their members to Iraq. We will take care of their base and their troops until they return," said Gustkey.

While some would consider this uncertainty a type of burden, Emilee looks at it positively. "It's given me the opportunity to travel and allowed me to get along with different types of people," she said. "Although this experience has made it hard to come to college- I'm sometimes unsympathetic to people, particularly when they're involved with petty issues, because this entire experience puts everything into perspective and makes you realize what's really important."

Emilee wishes more young people would take advantage of military opportunities. "At first I thought everyone should have to be in the military, although now I realize it's not for everyone, and people who are involved should want to be serving their country. It's a shame more young people don't take advantage of these opportunities," she said.

Emilee is considered a veteran because while serving in Saudi Arabia, she was under hostile fire. In order for the government to acknowledge military persons as veterans, they must have been involved in some type of military conflict.

Until she leaves for England on January 2, Emilee will be watching "American Beauty" and listening to classic rock, particularly the "Grateful Dead." She is excited to see "Jarhead" and asks for everyone to remember all veterans this Friday. "It is a day to remember and respect everyone who has served our country," she said.

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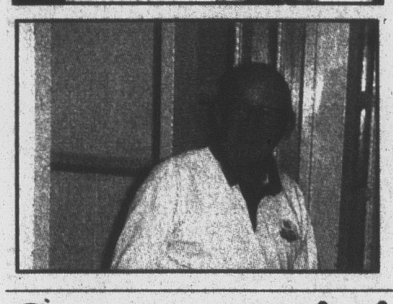

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Campus statistic of the week

Number of parking tickets already issued this academic year, as of Nov. 3:

500

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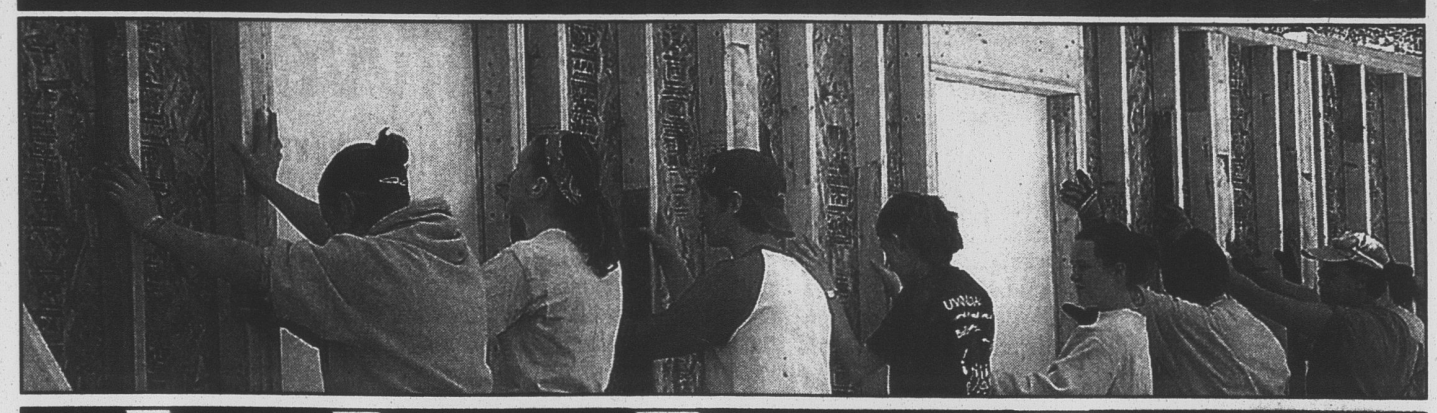

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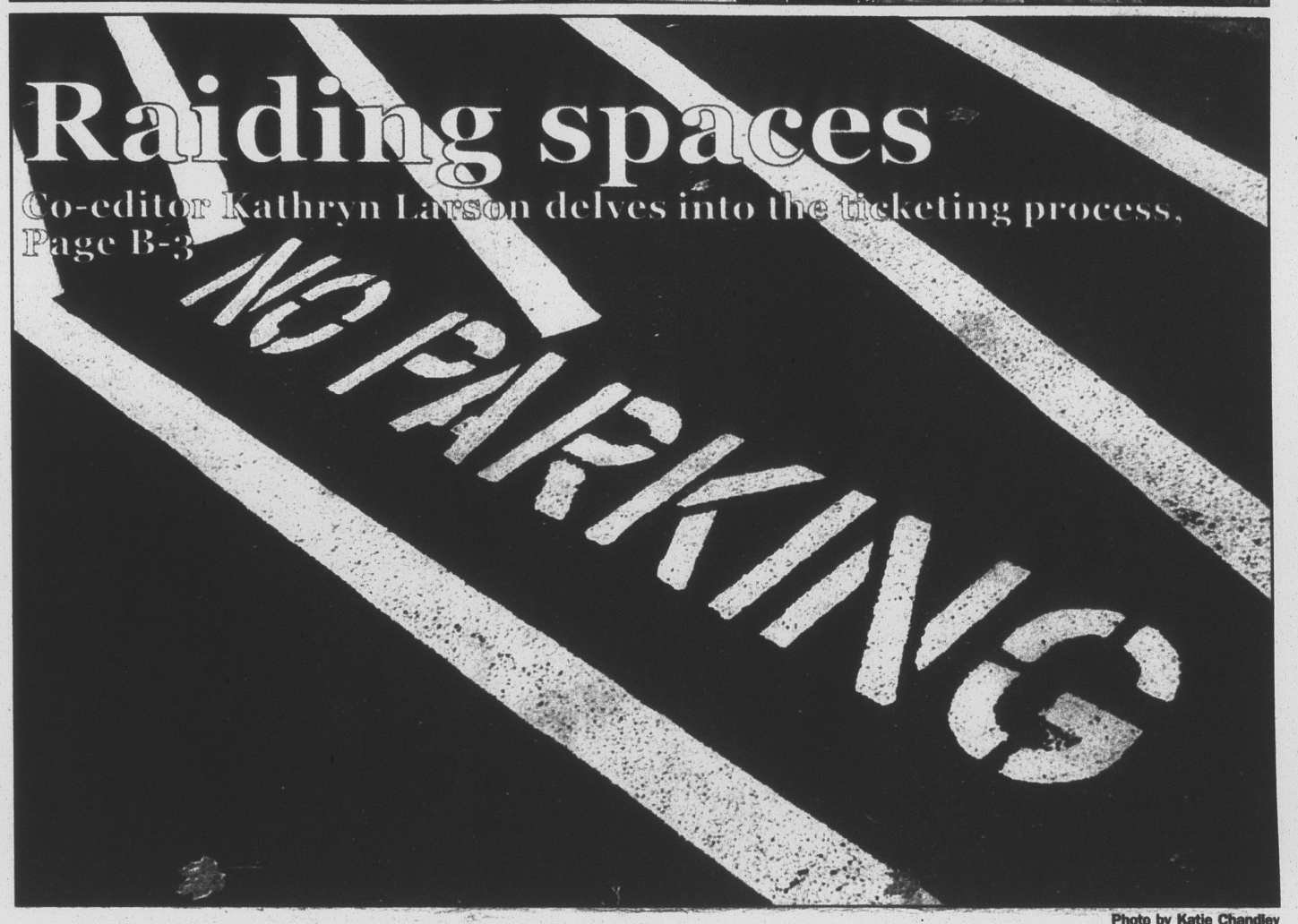

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Off-campus lottery continuing despite townhouse build

By Seth McClarey
Campus writer

Campus-quaking news from the student affairs office is if construction of the townhouses will continue through the winter, and the off-campus lottery will still be held.

Despite our forecasted brutal winter, the townhouse construction will continue as long as the weather does not become too inclement. The buildings are on-schedule at this point in time and are projected to remain within the $3.1 million budget. Additionally, a presidential decision has been made to carry out an off-campus lottery for seniors who would prefer an off-campus residence. There is an informational meeting for students this Monday, Nov. 21 at 10 p.m. in the Witherspoon Maple room. Students will be instructed on the procedure for the lottery to take place Thursday, Dec. 1 at 9 p.m. for women and 9:45 p.m. for men, also in Witherspoon Maple. There are 18 off-campus slots for women and 12 for men-the same numbers as last year's lottery..

"Barring any catastrophe, the townhouses are expected to meet the deadline and fall within the budget," dean of student affairs Neal Edman said.

Some news on the townhouse policies has surfaced. While a committee is still fine-tuning the details, visitation hours are hopefully going to be lifted for the townhouse residents. Resident assistants will not be assigned to the townhouses; instead, a mentor will be assigned to live in the townhouses. The mentor's job description will include the tasks of settling roommate disputes and helping to perform safety inspections to ensure the students' safety. Despite rumors, the townhouses will remain alcohol-free like the rest of campus, and all other college policies will remain in effect.

"I would rather not have a required meal plan, but if we do, then there should be a small plan option," junior Sara Sullivan said. "It would be great if the overhead charge was eliminated."

Sullivan is considering living in the townhouses next year, but the thought of a required meal plan sits somewhat sourly.

"For the most part, the vast majority of the policies will be worked out by the townhouse informational meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 12:45-1:30 p.m.," associate dean of student affairs Molly Mistretta said.

Students with questions concerning these residence questions are encouraged to attend the appropriate upcoming informational meetings.

Holcad, Titan Radio now online but facing web controversy

By Jolene Slattery
Campus writer

With last year's web site colors controversy a thing of the past, a new controversy surrounding the page has arisen.

That issue is the location of student publications on the web page. "I would like to see the link to *The Holcad* on the college's home page. I've been told, though, that's against the college's policy because it's a student-run publication and not an official Westminster publication," *Holcad* advisor James Raykie said.

The Holcad currently appears online in a PDF version. Each week, a file is sent to college webmaster Jonathan Smith, who then puts it onto the web site. The PDF is exactly the same as the print copy; no additional edits are made for the outside audience.

Titan Radio has also recently established an online presence. Stories, photos, and streaming audio are now available.

"Why not promote what students are doing? Having it on the front page showcases student work," broadcast communications instructor Brad Weaver said.

Weaver selects and adds the news stories that are seen on the Titan Radio website. No edits are made to the chosen stories.

Other than alumni, the largest off-campus group visiting the website is prospective students.

"Allowing prospective students view the work our current students are doing in the radio station, *Holcad*, campus ministry, etc. is a positive thing for recruitment," Dean of admissions Doug Swartz said. "I don't believe that having a direct link on the home page is necessary for that to occur however. Don't underestimate our prospective students' abilities to navigate our site and find the wealth of information that is layered beneath our home page."

Mark Meighen, senior director of communications, agreed that not everything belongs on the front page.

"*The Holcad* is linked under Student Activities/Student Publications, which is a logical listing since *The Holcad* is a student publication. The radio station opted to create its own URL www.titanradio.net to best serve its listeners, which includes a large off-campus population, especially in regards to broadcasts of Titan football and basketball contests and local news coverage."

For now, nothing is changing, and smart web users will just have to navigate their way to their desired content.

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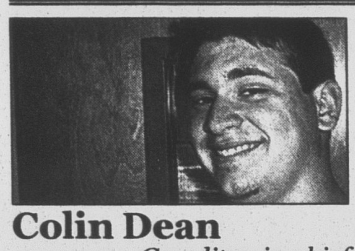

Colin Dean
Co-editor-in-chief

On- and off-campus dining price compared

With the semester finally down to the last few weeks, many students are finding themselves short on dine dollars.

Dine dollars, the currency of both the TUB and the cafeteria, are a part of the room and board components of a student's bill. Every student who lives in a dormitory must choose an amount to be placed in their dine dollars account. Students select one of three amounts to be charged: $750, $850 or $1,000.

This money can only be spent at the TUB and the cafeteria. At the end of the fall semester, unused monies roll over to the spring semester's dine dollar amount. However, students must still deposit one of the above amounts for the spring semester, regardless of how much was left over from the fall semester. The same amount is automatically charged unless a student requests to change the amount within the first ten days of class.

Much to students' dismay, unused monies still in dine dollars are forfeited to the school at the end of the spring semester. Upperclassmen and faculty will remember the hordes of students walking out of the TUB with crate upon crate of bottled drinks and box upon box of snacks at the close of the spring 2005 semester, all of them spending as much as possible in order to not waste money.

The benefit of using dine dollars over Titan dollars or cash is a ten percent discount on most, if not all, of the purchasable goods at either location.

Many students find the price of the cafeteria to be acceptable for an occasional dinner.

"Since it's a buffet like Hoss's or Ponderosa, it's filling once in a while, but if a person goes every day, it'll begin to show after a while," senior Winnie Limmer said.

When their dine dollar balance gets close to zero, students can either deposit more money in their dine dollar accounts in the Titan card office or discover some of the great restaurants in the area.

The Holcad conducted a very small study of its own to determine the best places (taste and service aside- that's food writer Leah Mazzocca's territory) for students to spend their hard-earned, or hard-begged for cash after their dine dollars run out.

In order to compare prices with the TUB's, we visited

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Forum for your Thought

This month, Professors Balczon and Bolger enlighten the Forum with a discussion on the Honors Program

To the Campus Community,

The faculty is charged by Board of Trustees By-Laws, state and federal laws, and the Faculty Constitution with responsibility for devising, delivering, and reviewing the College's curriculum. As Chairs of faculty committees responsible for reviewing the curriculum, in this case, the Honors Program, we wish to respond to the misinformation provided in the November 11, 2005 *Holcad* article entitled "Gold stars or slaps on wrist? Students outraged by Honors."

In the academic community respect for knowledge, for the exchange of information, and for members of the community is a paramount goal of all the community. Readers expect campus newspapers, as one vehicle for conveying information, to provide accurate and complete information in a "news" story. Readers expect all facets of a topic be examined. The front page article "Gold stars" fails to respect the community by failing to provide accurate and complete information on the Honors Program review currently underway.

A review of the Honors Program, as in any curriculum review, be it of Inquiry, capstones, clusters, intellectual perspectives, or the majors and minors, has an established procedure and rhythm. ASC and CDC determine who will ask questions, what questions will be asked, when they will be asked, and where they will be asked. ASC and CDC have questioned the Academic Dean, are preparing questions for the faculty, and will question all or some of the student body regarding the role and design of an Honors Program. The Committees will examine Honors Programs at other institutions. And the Committees will factor into their study other relevant information. The Committees will analyze those findings and submit those findings along with a formal recommendation to the full faculty for a discussion and vote.

We are in the early stages of determining the who, what, where, when, and how of a good study. The campus community will be consulted and kept informed according to established procedures. The Committees are NOT ready to make any formal recommendation regarding the Honors Program.

We regret we were not interviewed for this article.

Thank you.

Balczon
Chair of Academic Standards Committee
Professor Bolger
Chair of Curriculum Development Committee
Associate Professor

Letter to the Editor
Speculation, conjecture cause for errors

We would like to express our concerns with the errant reporting that was done in the most recent edition of *The Holcad*. Our concern is primarily with the article entitled "Gold stars or slaps on wrist? Students outraged by Honors"; however the lack of credible journalism is not exclusive to this article.

There are blatant errors contained within the article as well as a healthy dose of speculation. The article indicts "the college administration" as the promulgators of the new policy. However it is individual members of the administration, not the entire body. Furthermore, the sticker concept is most troubling: "The newly proposed honors plan would erase all previous requirements and would award exceptional Capstones with the approval of ASC and replace honors program medals with a sticker on the diploma of those students with exceptional capstones" This is not the plan at all! The sticker is an analogy, not an actual plan as Mr. Walling stated in his quote which followed. There is no solid plan yet in place. There are no facts yet, just speculation at this point as nothing is set in stone.

These references are misquotations. In addition we find an enormous lack of tact expressed in later quotations, such as Mr. Kern's contribution about marching on Old Main. It is not only the journalist but also the editor's fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the news is being reported honestly.

The Holcad went to print last week on Friday, the day after progress was being made in the struggle to protect the Honors program. Although members of the administration and the students differ greatly on their plans for this academic program, both wish to see the academic environment prosper; they just have very polar views as to how to accomplish this.

It seems that *The Holcad* was trying to create more problems and foment additional controversy as opposed to reporting the actual news. *The Holcad* used to be printed in tabloid format instead of its current newspaper format. Might we suggest that a return to the old format might be in order? Such a layout suits the content. It seems the lust for a juicy story to stir up interest in the newspaper was the goal. It need not worry about readership though; it has a captive audience. Get the facts completely straight from the outset *Holcad*. "Too many of us have worked too hard, for too long, to have our efforts negated by irresponsible journalism."

Lee Robert Scott, junior
Kristin Lynn Allen, junior
Benjamin Nelson, senior

Editor's Note: After a brief investigation, it was found that some of the analogies given by sources of the aforementioned story suggested fact. Also, progress was allegedly made after The Holcad *went to print* Thursday evening. The Holcad *thanks Professors Balzcon and Bolger for clarifying the intentions of the committees involved in the Honors Program.* The Holcad *will continue to cover this matter, keeping students, faculty and staff up-to-date on the Honors Program.*

Want to write a letter to the editor?
Here are the rules.

Letters to the editor are published weekly, as space permits. All letters must be submitted by email to *The Holcad* by 12 p.m. Tuesday to make the Friday issue. **All letters must be limited to 400 words, typed and include the author's name and a phone number for confirmation.** Letters must be free from offensive language, personal attacks and libelous or potentially libelous statements. The Holcad reserves the right to reject any letter. No letter will be edited when factually incorrect or in need of contexual clarification. Rather, an editor's note will be included. Grammar and spelling errors will also not be corrected. Opinions expressed are those of the author. **E-mail letter to: holcad@westminster.edu.**

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Horoscopes are fun for all

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

So, I've been getting a lot of comments lately about how a lot of students miss the horoscopes. I understand completely. I miss them too. In fact, I was disappointed to see them replaced with a sudoku. As an English major, I see the addition of word games as a personal attack. Well, not really. Be quiet.

Anyway, I had a fantastic idea. If we can't see the horoscopes in their usual place, why not put them here for a week? It would give everyone their fix of fortune cookie-brand advice for the week as well as keep me busy for a bit. Everyone wins.

However, I have no clue where one would go to learn about the prophetic power of the stars. I'm also too lazy to figure it out. So, I think I'm going to go with my usual approach of "winging it." Enjoy.

ARIES: Don't go outside today. Seriously. Don't leave your room. Of course, since you have to leave the room to get this paper, I'm going to have to say that you're pretty hosed. Have a nice day!

TAURUS: I think Mercury and Venus are aligned with Earth in a pattern that only makes sense to me. However, this means good things for you. The… uh… positive energies from these planets are giving you superpowers. You're now .0001 percent stronger than you were before. Awesome.

GEMINI: The Gemini constellation is known as "the twin." This obviously means that you have an evil twin somewhere in the world that you're eventually going to have to battle to the death. Good luck.

CANCER: Today you should wake up, go to class, eat some food and talk to people. At the end of today, you should fall asleep so you can wake up later and start your boring, meaningless existence all over again.

LEO: Leo is the lion! How awesome is that? You're the type of person who is a born leader. You can be a kind and caring person one minute, and then you turn around and maul a gazelle the next. Just remember: You're not invincible. Remember what happened to Mufasa in "The Lion King."

VIRGO: Be careful of wildlife today. As the animals prepare for hibernation, they're getting more and more territorial. I'm afraid the cosmic energies are pointing you right for a nest of squirrels. Watch your step.

LIBRA: Look for the balance in your life. You need to take a deep breath and relax between classes. Too much chaos in your life could lead to anarchy and I'm fairly sure that someone told me anarchy is a bad thing.

SCORPIO: You obviously need to sting someone with your awesome scorpion tail. Seriously. Do it.

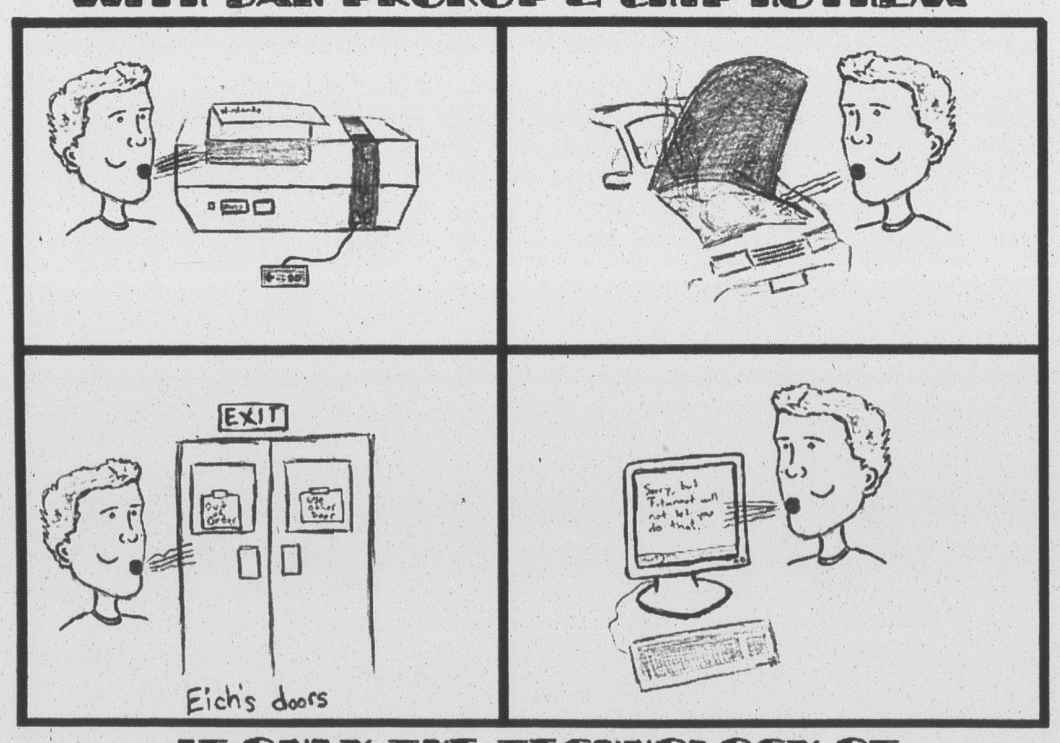
SAGITTARIUS: Did you know that Sagittarius means the "sea goat?" Yeah… half goat, half fish. I really don't know what to tell you. You people confuse and bewilder me.

CAPRICORN: Eat a lot today. Food equals happiness and happiness equals good. All you need to do is get $50 and head to your favorite inexpensive restaurant. Buy what you want. Eat what you can. Explode.

AQUARIUS: You're a person who is going places. Yeah, that's right. You're on the right road to somewhere. Just don't forget that cardboard boxes in the alleys are places too.

PISCES: You need to listen to horoscopes less. The only way stars and planets can influence your life is if they crash into the planet. Until then, live your own lives. Oh, and be careful of Taurus today. They want to beat you up.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. He spends most of his spare time nursing an addiction to "Kool-Aid Jammers" and creating insane theories about dinosaurs. If you see him on campus, give him a cookie. This will please him, as well as shut him up until you can escape.



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Westminster Outside the Bubble

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Water Main break damages businesses

A massive water main break in New Wilmington sent water gushing down Market Street causing heavy damage to local businesses on Sunday. While most residents and Westminster College went without water, physician Peter Barsczowski's family practice suffered basement flooding. The runoff from the water break destroyed patient records stored in the basement. Repair crews worked through the day and night to fix the break in the eight inch water main. It caused the street to buckle forcing work crews to dig out a huge hole to reach the broken line. At one point the borough opened hydrants to relieve the water pressure on the leak that flooded Market Street businesses. Dr. Barsczowski worries the heavy damage and loss of records may force him to close his business for good. He worries the pressure from the water leak may have also damaged the structural integrity of the building's foundation.

PA Voters make history

Supreme Court Justice yanked from bench, and for the first time in history, Pennsylvanians voted against keeping the Supreme Court justice in office for a second term. Democratic Justice Russell Nigro will not return to his position—and Justice Sandra Schultz Newman won her second term in a tight vote. Political analysts say angry voters reacting to the state lawmaker's pay raise probably led to Nigro's defeat. His term will end in January, when Governor Ed Rendell will appoint a temporary successor. Voters will elect a replacement next November.

Using cameras to combat bomb threats

The Grove City School Board is looking at using video surveillance as a way to fight the bomb threat problem at Grove City High School. Over the past month several bomb threats have caused disruptions. At Monday's school board meeting, members agreed that surveillance cameras can help secure the school while tracking possible bomb threat suspects.

Weaver's WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1.) When is the annual Buzz Ridl Classic?
A. November 18 & 19
B. November 25 & 26
C. November 29 & 30
D. December 1 & 2
E. December 8 & 9

2.) Why did Sony BMG recall some of its CDs this week?
A. The CDs fail to play in most car stereos.
B. Some children CDs featured explicit rap lyrics.
C. Copy protection software on the CD quietly loads on your computer — and then leaves a backdoor open for crackers.
D. The CDs cause some stereos to catch fire.
E. The CDs won't play.

3.) Identify the cause of severe water damage in some New Wilmington businesses last Sunday?
A. Efforts to put out a fire at a vacant business on Market Street.
B. Vandals broke into a number of businesses and left the water running over the weekend.
C. A water main break.
D. Heavy rains on Sunday afternoon.
E. A leaking fire hydrant.

4.) What did the state legislature repeal this week?
A. A controversial pay raise it gave itself and other state officials.
B. An increase in the state's minimum wage.
C. State election law reforms.
D. The drinking age law.
E. A ban on marijuana-flavored candy.

5.) Identify the team the Wilmington Greyhounds face this weekend in the District 10 high school football championship game?
A. Reynolds High School
B. Hickory High School
C. Grove City High School
D. Slippery Rock High School
E. Peaksville High School

6.) What is the Grove City School District considering as a deterrent in fighting the rash of bomb threats at the local high school?
A. Filing lawsuits against the families of students responsible for the threats.
B. Installing surveillance cameras.
C. Posting security guards in the restrooms.
D. Cancelling all school dances for the school year.
E. Extending the school year until the end of June to make up for missed classes.

1.) A 2.) C 3.) C 4.) A 5.) A 6.) B

Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations instructor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with dubious current event quizzes.

Ripped from the Wire

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Unlawful trash

Allegheny County leads state in illegal dump sites.

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Illegal dump sites are found in counties all over western Pennsylvania, but it's likely no one has as many as Allegheny County, according to a survey by an environmental group.

PA CleanWays Inc., a not-for-profit group dedicated to cleaning up illegal dumps, surveyed six western Pennsylvania counties and found that with 340 illegal dumps, Allegheny County had more than double the number of the five other counties surveyed.

"Allegheny County is leaps and bounds _ and garbage bags-full _ ahead of everyone else," said Karen McCalpin, the Greensburg-based group's president.

The dumps, containing 974 tons of garbage, were all over the county, with 50 percent in urban areas, 41 percent in the suburbs, and 9 percent in rural areas.

The group, which plans to survey other counties, found Fayette County had the second most dumps with 163, followed by Mercer, 143; Washington, 126; Erie, 83; Cumberland, 37.

PA CleanWays hopes the statistics spur government groups and citizens to organize to stop illegal dumping.

Regional

Doctor: Murder suspect suffered nicotine, caffeine withdrawal

No coffee, no cigarettes equals confession

BUTLER, Pa. (AP) - A murder suspect trying to get his confession thrown out was likely suffering nicotine and caffeine withdrawal when he told police he accidentally stabbed his estranged wife seven times, a prison psychiatrist said.

Denny Winner, of Butler, is charged with killing Lynette Winner in November 2004 when she refused his demands for sex, then setting fire to her apartment 13 days later in an attempt to cover up the killing. He told police he accidentally stabbed her seven times when she pulled a knife on him, investigators have said.

Winner, who said he drank 10 to 16 cups of coffee and smoked two to three packs of cigarettes daily, drank only one caffeinated beverage and one cigarette during 14 hours of police questioning before confessing, Dr. Grace McGorrian, a Butler County prison psychiatrist, testified Monday.

He was in a weakened mental and physical state from withdrawal, and that affected his ability to understand his rights when he allegedly confessed, McGorrian said.

Winner's defense attorney, Joe Kecskemethy, wants the confession tossed out, claiming it was coerced. He also claims Winner did not understand his right to have an attorney with him during questioning.

The prosecutor suggested Winner was intentionally trying to minimize his involvement in the killing when he spoke to police. Winner was "taking advantage of the opportunity to give his spin of what he did," prosecutor Jerry Cassady said.

Judge William Shaffer did not indicate when he would rule on the statement's admissibility.

National

A half beat missing from this year's Christmas spectacular

Theater Christmas spectacular off tempo?

NEW YORK (AP) - The program notes for the 73rd annual "Radio City Christmas Spectacular" were supposed to tell a happy story: "Only at Radio City Music Hall will you see 36 musicians rise up and travel the stage in all directions."

This year, only at Radio City will you hear Santa holler like a frazzled father just to cut through the thunder of prerecorded music. With the famed Radio City orchestra sidelined _ either by strike or by lockout, depending on who tells the story _ the Christmas Spectacular banks on its reputation even as it strains to rise above it.

Gone is the "Mighty Wurlitzer Organ" that used to begin the show. Missing, and irreplaceable, is the spirit of live musicians responding to, and cheering on, the spirit of live singers and dancers.

But that's for grown-ups, some spending $250 a ticket, to think about. For kids, the 90-minute performance still honors its decades-long purpose as spectacle, status symbol, preordained memory. For the greatest gift of the "Christmas Spectacular" is getting to say that you saw it, and a ticket stub and souvenir are worth the price of your parents' money.

Absent the Wurlitzer, a film starts the show with a 3-D tour of New York, leading into the real live Rockettes in snowflake dress and kicking in to a surprisingly sexy, jazzy beat, then crashing into a new song, "I See Christmas Everywhere," performed to the rafters by Santa (Charles Edward Hall).

The traditional Nutcracker medley suffers most from the musicians' absence, as the flatness of the recorded track is barely offset by the busyness of oversized gift boxes, pretend Pandas on bicycles and mice and rabbits shaking their tails. More enjoyable are scenes from the North Pole and Santa's Workshop, and the inevitable stage-long fall of the wooden soldiers, collapsing like a deck of cards placed on it side.

Fixed in place, and worlds away, is the closing Nativity scene, when the music softens, the lights go down and a solemn desert procession advances under a scrim that reads, in part, "He was nailed to , a cross between two thieves." It's a tradition dating back to the first Radio City show, and no matter how often you've gone, it remains as dark and abrupt as a sermon during the Super Bowl.

"The Christmas Spectacular" runs through Jan. 2. Contract talks were scheduled to resume this week between Radio City management and union representatives, with salary the biggest issue.

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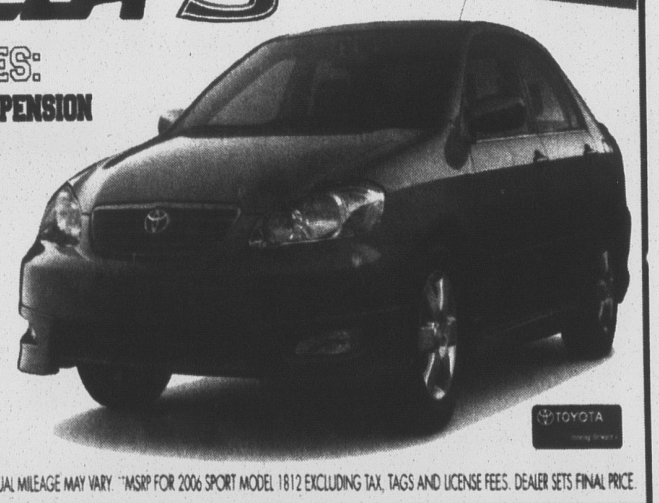

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Focusing the lens on what the film studies major really projects

Allison Houser
Campus writer

The film studies minor offers a new and different approach to the way students watch and understand film.

The film studies minor, which has been at the college for almost two years, enhances the liberal arts studies and offers different perspectives to the way students look at film. Dr. Deborah Mitchell of the English and public relations departments and Dr. Jeff Bersett of the modern language department are the minor's co-directors. Mitchell has a Ph. D in film studies, and she says that the film studies minor is definitely worth the time.

"We need to look at film as a text that can be read," Mitchell said. "This gives students an opportunity to look at film more actively, rather than passively."

There are lots of reasons to pick up a minor in film studies. One, for example, is that the minor enhances different majors.

"It can enhance just about any kind of knowledge because the courses a student would take in the minor help students hone their interpretive skills," Bersett said. "Everyone, myself included, can always use a little honing of those skills."

Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Bersett are not the only instructors in film studies. Dr. Suzanne Prestien, like Mitchell, has done her doctoral work in film studies. Dr. Bersett, Andrew Ade, Richard Sprow and Professor Carol Bove are all film scholars. In addition, many other professors use films as part of their classes. These faculty members are able to teach selected topics courses.

"The minor is very worthwhile, because film is one of the great art forms of the last century," Bersett said. "We all need to understand film better, as its influence is all around us. And the fact is, most people don't know as much about film and how it works as they should."

The classes offered as part of the minor include the Introduction to Film Studies, History of Film: A Survey, Film Adaptation, Screenwriting, Selected Topics, Film Criticism and Film Studies Practicum. Students are obligated to complete 24 semester hours to obtain the film studies minor. They must take the introduction, history, one selected topic, the practicum and any other two film studies electives.

"I think everyone should take some classes," junior film studies minor Sherri Breitigan said. "Even if they don't pick up the minor, the classes are completely worthwhile."

Some of the classes offered by faculty members from different departments are Film Genres, Alfred Hitchcock and His Films, Detective Fiction: Novels and Films, African American Drama and Film, The Sporting Spirit, It's Monstrous, and others.

Bountiful spirit bustling in New Wilmington

Local business helps out transfer student from Louisiana

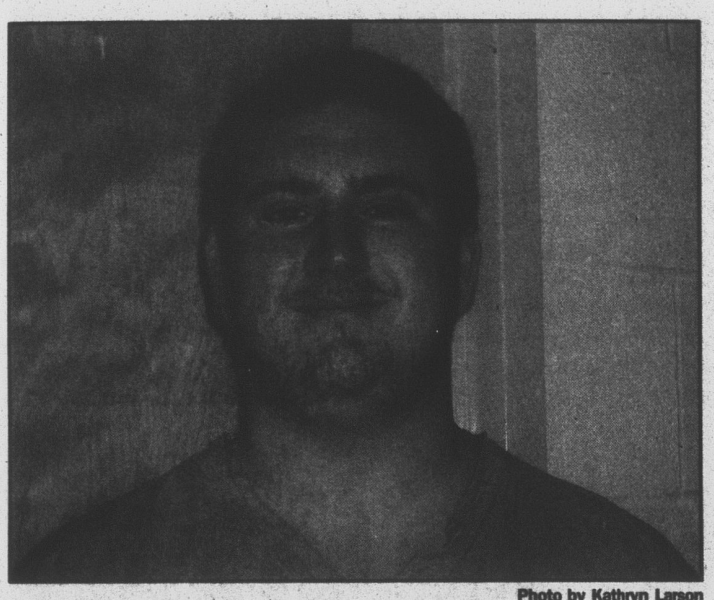


Photo by Kathryn Larson

Nick Manno transfered here after Katrina wreaked havoc on his home. Coming with barely the clothes on his back, efforts from campus and community have been saving graces.

By Leanna Stitt
Staff writer

This past Sunday, November 13, the Jacqueline House Bed & Breakfast sponsored a benefit event for Nick Manno, a first-year transfer student from Tulane University in Louisiana.

The event, entitled "In their Shoes: A Victorian Holiday Benefit," attracted many local businesses' support including Rainbow Gifts and Tastefully Simple. For an admission price, participants could tour the Victorian holiday-decorated house located on Route 956, enjoy food and music and use vouchers to purchase items from the vendors present at the event.

Nick and his immediate family, who now reside in Girard, OH, attended the benefit. Ida Felix, owner of the Jacqueline House, was thankful to meet and help a family affected by Hurricane Katrina.

"I felt gratified knowing they were so appreciative," Felix said. "They showed us pictures of the devastation [in New Orleans] and it was just horrible."

Proceeds from the event were doubled by the Jacqueline House and a total of $200 was presented to Nick and his family.

A little over two months ago, Nick arrived on campus as one of the 372,000 displaced students from Louisiana and Mississippi.

"People have been really nice so far," Nick said, "I've gotten along with my professors and have been doing pretty well in my classes."

Since his arrival, Nick has visited with his family in Ohio and will spend the upcoming Thanksgiving break with them.

With ambiguous reports coming from his hometown of St. Bernard Parish, Nick still remains unsure as to whether or not a possibility of returning exists. However, several helpful projects addressing the main problem with the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet in the Parish are underway.

According to the Parish President, Henry Rodriguez, Jr. Rodriguez, "These projects secure our homes and our property and give our residents the confidence they need to come home and rebuild."

With the help of many local businesses and many willing faculty and students, Nick's adjustment to life away from the destruction left by Katrina has been made a little easier.

Nick said, "I'd like to say thank you to everyone. I don't know personally all the people who helped me, but I'm very grateful for all those who did."

Blasting off for sold out performance

By Alysa Wright
Campus writer

The performance Blast!, which will take place in Orr Auditorium tonight as part of the Celebrity Series, is causing all kinds of excitement both on and off campus.

The show is sold out, and for good reason according to many. Students from the college, high schools, faculty, and members of the community alike will take part in this musical experience.

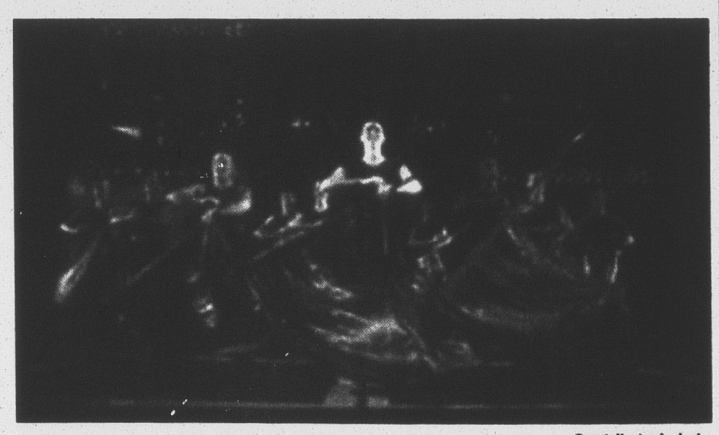
"The show is unlike any I've seen," Gene DeCaprio, director of the Celebrity Series, said. "In one word, spectacular!"

Melissa Babalonis, a member of the visual ensemble of Blast!, agrees that this performance is not like your typical musical.

"There's not really a storyline," Babalonis said. "It's all about colors and all the songs that are performed go through the emotions that the different colors can portray."

The cast travels all over the country and has shows almost everyday. They learn the show in five weeks, and then go on tour and perform it for a variety of audiences.

The show features a 35 member cast of musicians and dancers including percussionists, instrumentalists, and a visual ensemble made up of a color guard.



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Blast! was the winner of the 2001 Tony Award for "Best Theatrical Event.

As a part of the cast for three years, Babalonis has traveled all over the country and met a lot of different people.

"The best and worst part [of being in the cast] is the traveling," Babalonis said. "I enjoy all the people we get to meet, but at the same time it can be exhausting."

Winner of the 2001 Tony Award for "Best Theatrical Event" and the 2001 Emmy Award for "Best Choreography", Blast! evolved from the Star of the Indiana Drum and Bugle Corp.

Blast! is taken from college band half-time shows, drama , bugles core performances and is put together in a theatrical event that includes the elements of percussion, brass instruments, motion, dancing and music. It is of interest particularly to music majors because it features the best talent in America, according to DeCaprio.

Although the Celebrity Series does not normally charge for its shows, Blast! is worth it for many interested show-goers.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing Blast!, especially since I am a music major and have been involved with marching band since high school," junior Cyndi Mancini said. "I definitely think the experience will be worth the cost."

According to the show's website, Blast! premiered in December of 1999 at the London Apollo, Hammersmith. Ever since, Blast! has been performed in sold out shows all over the nation. Shockwave, the next "reincarnation" of Blast!, has been in production since 2002. It showcases this "new contemporary genre with cutting edge artistry while retaining all the intrinsic elements of Blast!"

Linking to the student voice on the web

By Jolene Slattery
Campus writer

"Many campus organizations use websites to keep their members up to date and let the world "outside the bubble" know what they are doing. All organizations have to follow some simple steps in building their site. The recommended program is a free Mozilla website editor. When creating a page, webmasters need to remember to use current pictures, have captions for the pictures and consider that the website audience includes off-campus viewers. After creating a page and storing the files to a PC, a website file is sent to Camille Hawthorne, Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

"Following Hawthorne's approval, the website file is sent to Information Systems where it is updated on the school's web page. All organization pages are found by clicking on Student Services, then on Student Activities and finally on Student Organizations."

Information taken from the handout "Guidelines for Organizations' Home Pages".

Location of student newspaper on other PAC school websites:

Grove City - *The Collegian* - The same front page link (Publications) took me to links for both official college news releases and to the student newspaper.

Allegheny - *The Campus* - dead link for newspaper

Thiel - *The Thielensian* -listed with other student organizations, no link to newspaper.

Bethany - *The Messenger* -mouse over Student Life on sidebar of front page. Clubs/Organizations, scroll down to Campus Media, link to Tower Online. Available as a PDF file.

Thomas More - *The Utopian* -Course descriptions mention contributing to campus newspaper, couldn't find mention online, even under Student Organizations. Search for campus newspaper didn't find anything other than course descriptions. According the website of the Ky. Intercollegiate Press Association, *The Utopian* closed more than eight years ago.

Waynesburg - *The Yellow Jacket* - From front page, Campus Life, link to listen to WCYJ online. Also from front page, link to Student Organizations, Other organizations and activities, *Yellow Jacket* is listed there, but no link.

W&J - *The Red & Black* - On the front page, only 4 quick links are listed; one is "Listen to WNJR." From the front page, News & Events, Publications takes me to a page where along with official college publications, there is a link to *The Red & Black*. That links to an informational page about the newspaper, not the actual newspaper. That page is actually under Student Life, but has more than one link pointing to it.

Geneva - *The Cabinet* -From the front page, the News & Events link took me links for both official college publications and *The Cabinet*. Newspaper is actually online, not a PDF.

More news from around the campus

More bang for your buck

Campus menus hot topic as new committee is formed

Prices

Campus needs smaller meals

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Wendy's and McDonald's to compare the burgers and chicken and Pizza Joe's to compare...pizza.

A total meal consisting of a spicy chicken sandwich($3.39), a quarter pound cheeseburger ($2.59) and a 20 ounce soft drink($1.09) costs $7.07. On average, the wait time during the meal hours was about six minutes. It was as high as ten, and as little as no wait at all. It takes about three minutes to walk to the TUB if you are on this side of campus already, about five to six minutes from Russell or Eichenauer and between eight and ten minutes from Hillside and Jeffers. Travel cost was obviously nothing more than wear and tear on my shoes, which is negligible.

We found Wendy's prices to be almost the same. The spicy chicken was twenty cents more expensive and the cheeseburger twenty cents cheaper. Overall, the meal was five cents more expensive because of sales tax. It took about two minutes for them to prepare my meal. The travel time to the restaurant by Giant Eagle on Route 18 is about eight minutes, depending on traffic. Add about 50 cents for roughly 3.25 miles and the total is $7.67.

McDonald's lacks a spicy chicken sandwich, so I had to settle for a crispy chicken instead. The cost was $7.36 – more expensive than we had thought. It took about four minutes to get food once we entered the restaurant after a 12 minute trip down Route 18. The distance is about five miles, so that adds $0.80 to the total for mileage. So, that's $7.76 and a little under half an hour for eating at McDonald's in Neshannock.

A vegetable pizza at the TUB costs $3.41 and costs $3.99 at Pizza Joe's. The wait was nil for the TUB, but my pizza at Pizza Joe's was ready by the time I hung up the phone, checked my email and walked there from The Holcad's office.

If someone were to ask a student about the price of items in the TUB, the student would most likely go on to detail the exceptionally high price compared to off-campus establishments. Obviously, this is a major misconception.

I hate to be the bearer of disappointing news, but when compared cost-wise to other area fast food establishments, the TUB is right on par, sometimes even cheaper. Its prices are competitive; students are not being squeezed as much as they think they are.

However, the dining service administration needs to recognize that students are living on the food bought here – this is not a restaurant to us. Also, very few students would eat a seven dollar meal twice a day if they weren't essentially required to spend that much in order to not forfeit what they have not used.

I'm more than happy to blow seven dollars on a very well-prepared steak salad or four or five dollars on a succulent wrap two or three times a week. However, for the other meals, I don't want to walk away feeling like I've gorged myself simply because there wasn't a smaller portion. Students don't need a value, they need sustenance.

Recently, the Charleston Market section of the TUB started offering a smaller portion for some of its meals. Jeffery Creveling, director of dining services, assembled a team of students and faculty to form a committee dedicated to improving the campus menus by diversifying the menu and considering options for students and faculty with alternative eating habits.

For this, I applaud them. The students have spoken and "the man" has listened; steps are being taken in the right direction. The winds of change are blowing; the sails of The Holcad are full once again.

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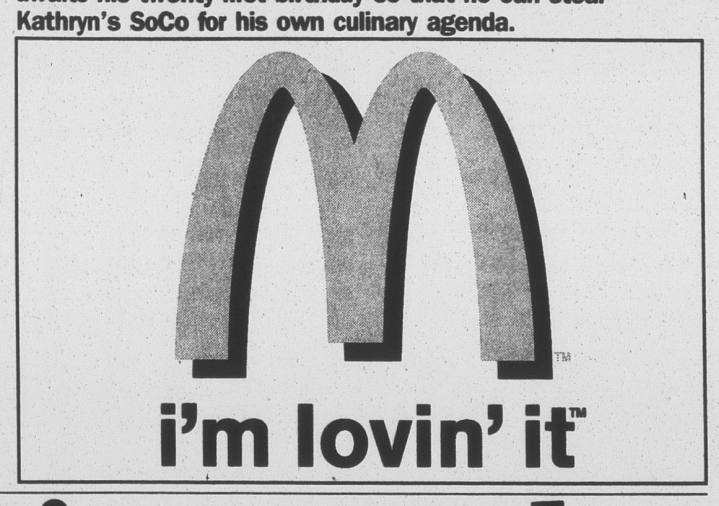
Colin is a junior computer science major and writing minor with a penchant for journalism. Because the TUB no longer stocks Lipton brand green tea with honey, he has resorted to binging on pink lemonade and chai latte. He anxiously awaits his twenty-first birthday so that he can steal Kathryn's SoCo for his own culinary agenda.



Feasting on the idea of change

By Angela Donnell
Campus writer

If the selection of food available on campus leaves your stomach weak and yearning for more choices, then the new menu committee may be of interest to you.

Two committees have been created to provide more of a variety of food for students. One committee focuses on the TUB while the other concentrates on Galbreath dining hall. Each group will work to choose a more varied menu for their respective dining facility.

"Jeff Creveling thought that having a menu committee for both the TUB and Galbreath would help to create more variety in the menus that we currently have," junior SGA judicial chair Jennifer Ramsey said. "For example, instead of having a baked potato every Wednesday for lunch in the TUB, the committee would choose different items for each week."

Each group consists of three members from the Student Government Association, two members from the Student-Athlete Advisory Council and two members from Residence Life.

"SGA has quite a mix of students, so having three SGA members on each committee should help to bring more variety to each dining place," Ramsey said.

One of the SGA members, junior Natalie Coccia, is a vegetarian. She was recruited by Creveling to be the vegetarian voice.

"Creveling knew I'm a vegetarian, and he asked me to be on one of the committees," Coccia said.

Coccia realizes that vegetarian dishes can be more expensive to make and can take more time to prepare. She's not sure that the food service will be able to completely accommodate vegetarians due bring there so few of them here. However, she's prepared to make other suggestions.

"There aren't enough vegetarians on campus for the dining halls to be able to prepare special meals for us," Coccia said. "I would like to see a salad bar and possibly some take-out boxes for the TUB."

Another committee member, sophomore Elise Woomer, would like to see healthier choices.

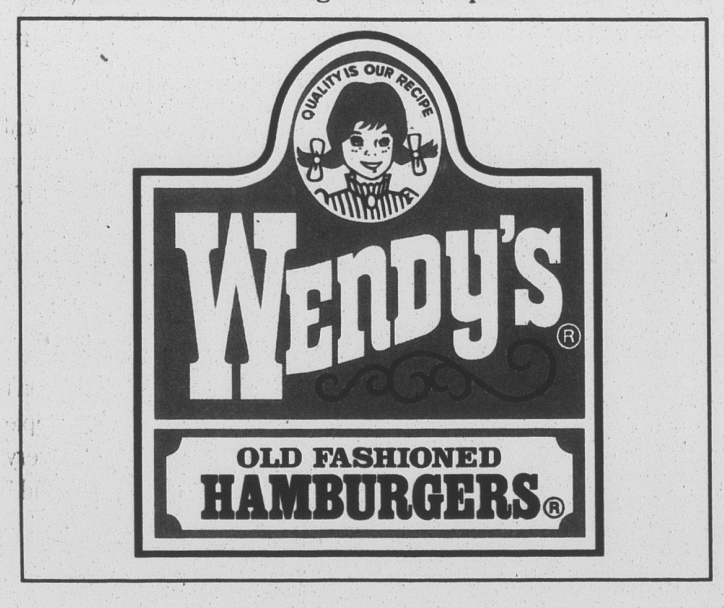
"I would like to see more of a variety," Woomer said. "Food prepared with less oil, baked instead of fried, but still keeping with foods that everyone enjoys."

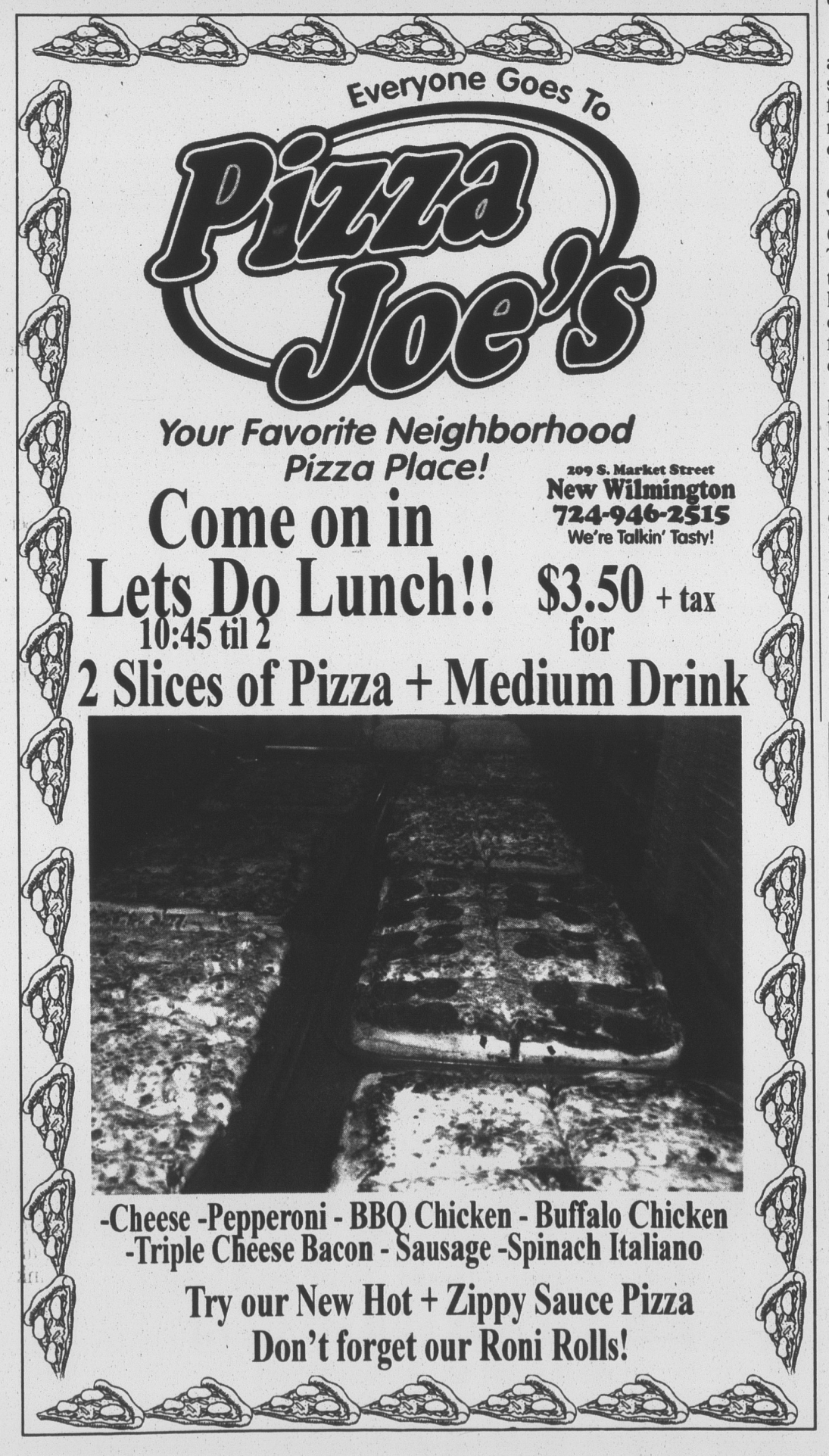
Students are excited to see the results of the committee's efforts.

"I think it's a great idea;maybe we can find some new ways to prepare the food," junior Julie Maryan said. "I've found that having the same thing every week gets boring; maybe we can spice it up."

The committees had their first meetings this past week. New menu changes should be seen in the near future.

Students who have ideas for new menu items should contact committee members.





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Lady and gentleman still calling Westminster 'home'

For Kocher and Bechtol, retirement is just not an option

83 Robert Bechtol

By Jaimee Davis
Campus writer

Deep within in the hollows of Old Main, a gentleman still graces Westminster with his presence.

Robert Bechtol, 83, has been working in the duplicating and bulk mail department for the past 15 years. He is a call-in worker who helps collate materials for mail and does mailings and paperwork for Don Howard, supervisor of duplicating and bulk mail.

"I thought I could retire, but it's just not in my system," Bechtol said. "It gives me something to do. I'm kind of down in the dumps if I don't get called in."

His wife Ruth passed away 11 years ago.

"We were married for 48-and-half years," Bechtol said. "In fact, Nov. 30 would be our 60th wedding anniversary. She was my one and only love."

Ruth and Robert met through a friend and were married when she was 22 and he was 23 in a church in New Castle. They have three daughters—Bonnie, Patty, and Debbie—and a son, Bradley. They also have 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Bechtol seems to have fallen into a routine with retirement. If the weather is nice, he likes to golf on Mondays. The other six days of the week, he picks up his legally blind neighbor, and they go to McDonald's for coffee at 7:10 a.m and visit with other retirees. After that, they go practically anywhere for breakfast.

"I don't care where we go as long as there's food," Bechtol said with a laugh. "I really like oatmeal, or I get 2 eggs over, crisp bacon, wheat toast, and decaf coffee."

Aside from golfing and going out to eat, Bechtol does not really have many hobbies. He collected baseball cards and had 15-20,000 cards for a while.

"That's died a slow death over the last 5-10 years," Bechtol said. "Years ago they were a hot item. I have no plans for them. I'll probably just pass them on to someone in my family."

Before picking up his retirement job, Bechtol worked as expediter for New Castle Refractors and as office manager for Youngstown Hardchrome and Grinding in Boardman, OH. Before that, he took a few classes at Youngstown State University and Penn State University.

"I went to YSU for a smattering of accounting courses and took a Penn State extension course to pick up some drafting," Bechtol said. "I went to college long enough to pick up what I needed for a job."

Like many men of his generation, Bechtol served in the Army during WWII. He tells the story of a day when he had to wait around until midnight to cross the Rhine River on a pontoon bridge.

"The water was exceedingly high," Bechtol said. "I still remember the minesweepers they had in the water..."

After serving in WWII, Bechtol was called back for the Korean War on Dec. 18, 1950. Two days later, the government issued a statement saying that no one else would be called out until after the first of the year.

"I spent Christmas in camp," Bechtol recalled, trying to hide his disdain with the government.

Despite his time served in the two wars, Bechtol does not have any contact with the people with whom he served. During one of his breaks at home, he received a telegram telling him to stay home for 30 more days. Three-and-a-half weeks later, he received a letter saying that he had accrued enough time to be done with his service to the nation. He was never able to go back and say goodbye or get any contact information.

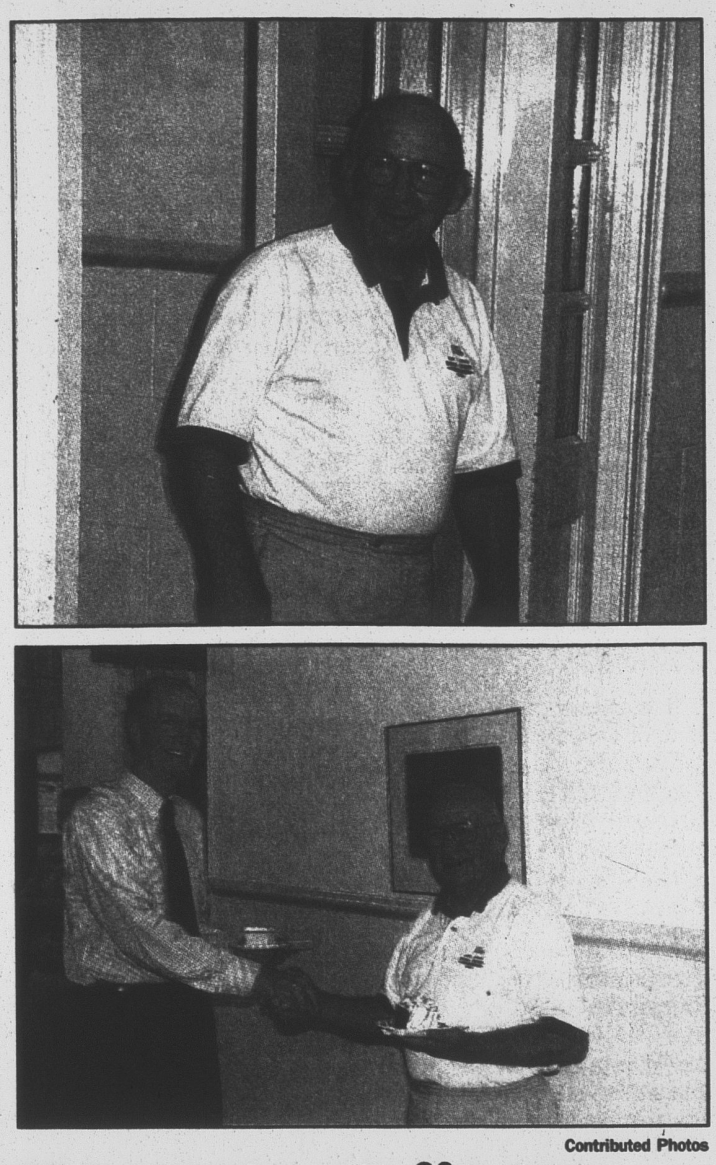
"I never saw them again," Bechtol said.

Despite everything, Bechtol remains a humble gentleman.

"There is nothing to like [about me]. I've lived in New Castle my whole life, I graduated from New Castle High School, my kids went to Neshannock..." Bechtol said. "What you see is what you get."

Howard seems to disagree, however.

"He's great," Howard said. "He does a very good job for me and is one of the first that I call in. In fact, he probably won't tell you this, but his nickname around here is 'Pappy.'"



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Bill Bechtol arrives at his 80th birthday thrown by admirers at the college (top) and is congradulated by President Willaimson (bottom)

93 Mabel Kocher

By Jen Matsick
Campus writer

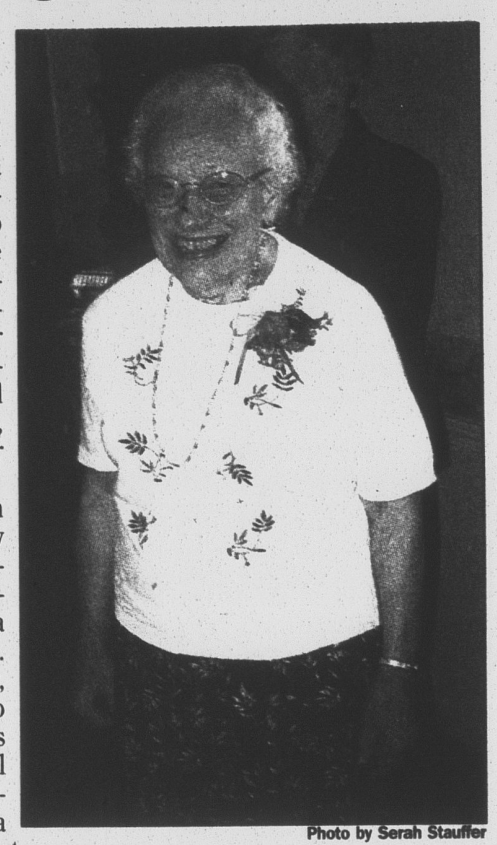

Photo by Serah Stauffer

It might be hard to imagine a woman in her mid-90's walking up and down the steps of McGill library, doing research as a curator of special collections. For Mabel Kocher, however, it's just another Tuesday morning.

Kocher is an alumna from New Castle and graduated from the college in 1932 with a major in French. Ten years later, she returned to campus to work as a librarian until 1975. She returned to McGill a few years after that to begin working on the collection. Last year, she received an honorary doctorate from the college at commencement with two other individuals.

"I was very honored-pleased-because we'd made it for that," Kocher said.

In 2002, she moved into an apartment at Shenango on the Green, across the street from the McGill library. Kocher now works there on Tuesday mornings, researching and collecting books that add "something extra" to the collection.

"[Dr. Turner and I] started out several years ago just collecting unusual books, old books, some that would have some value because of the age of the book," Kocher said. "We have quite a collection upstairs in the Miller room."

Kocher is proud of the collection she and Dr. Turner have acquired. Some of the books date back to the 1600s. The co-curators also have manuscripts from an alumnus who has written several books.

Kocher has witnessed many changes to the campus. While she was a student here, Old Main was not yet finished and Browne Hall was a boys' dorm.

"Freshman year we had classes in...the gym and some of the houses, the church, [and] some of the buildings uptown. So we went all over town, really, for places to hold classes," Kocher said.

Kocher has just a few words of wisdom for current students.

"Work hard, [and] study," Kocher said. "And get the most out of it, because...there are so many good things that you can take part in and participate in, and enjoy."

Kocher is not all business talk, however. She is unaccustomed to giving interviews and jokes that she would rather read.

Cheers!

Oxford & Abroad Journal logs

10 days away from Oxford, students take "vacation"

This past Monday, most of the Westminster at Oxford students returned back to Oxford from various countries that they chose to spend their ten day break exploring. There was a wide range of courtiers that students visited. Some of the most popular included, France and Italy.

When asked about her break, Ashley Beaver reported that her trip to Italy and France "was beautiful, but also stressful. This was the first vacation that I had ever taken without my parents, so making all the hotel and plane reservations on my own was hard work. I would not have changed a single second of my trip itself though!"

Stepping outside of the norm, Laura Swanson spent her ten day break in Budapest, Hungary. Laura enjoyed the Buda castle, commenting that, "it was very interesting." Laura said that the biggest difference that she found with Budapest compared to the USA was that, "it was very old and still quite richly immersed in culture."

Bethany Knicely spent her break with family in Scotland. Unfortunately, Beth said that the weather was not on their side, raining and windy almost everyday. However, Beth really enjoyed the Edinburgh dungeon. She said that it was her favorite place that she visited on her trip and that she learned, "factual information about the tortures, trials and murder of the darker ages in Edinburgh."

All the students seemed to have wonderful experiences and brought back fantastic memories. The ten day break was well deserved because they all have been working hard and finished up taking their mid-terms just the day before they left. Now in the last month of their study abroad semester, the students are planning weekend trips to see the rest of Europe.

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By: Jessie Goldie, Katie Crompton, and Ashley Hatcher

AccuWeather® 7 Day Forecast for Westminster College

Friday						
High		High 46	High 42	High 45	High 40	High 35	High 37
Low		Low 31	Low 30	Low 31	Low 30	Low 24	Low 22
Cold with periods of sun	Partial sunshine	More clouds than sun	Times of sun and clouds	A good deal of clouds	A wintry mix possible	Snow

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:13 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	7:14 a.m.	4:59 p.m.
Sunday	7:15 a.m.	4:59 p.m.
Monday	7:16 a.m.	4:58 p.m.
Tuesday	7:17 a.m.	4:57 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	6:45 p.m.	10:11 a.m.
Saturday	7:44 p.m.	11:04 a.m.
Sunday	8:46 p.m.	11:48 a.m.
Monday	9:50 p.m.	12:23 p.m.
Tuesday	10:53 p.m.	12:52 p.m.

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Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Nov 23	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15

Weather History

On Nov. 18, 1421, surge from a powerful storm swept inland and destroyed Holland's dikes. More than 70 villages were swept away; 10,000 people died.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	34	21	pc	45	30	pc	43	30	sn	45	30	pc	40	28	sn
Butler, PA	36	23	pc	46	31	pc	42	29	sn	45	31	pc	42	31	sn
Cambridge, OH	39	24	pc	50	31	pc	45	29	r	49	30	pc	40	29	sf
Canton, OH	34	21	pc	46	31	pc	42	29	sn	46	30	pc	40	29	sn
Cincinnati, OH	42	26	pc	50	32	pc	44	30	pc	50	30	pc	43	29	c
Clarion, PA	32	21	pc	44	29	pc	41	28	sf	43	30	pc	40	29	sn
Clarksburg, WV	38	20	pc	51	33	pc	43	27	pc	45	31	pc	47	31	r
Cleveland, OH	34	28	pc	46	34	pc	44	32	r	44	31	pc	40	30	sf
Columbus, OH	38	28	pc	50	32	pc	46	32	c	48	30	pc	42	29	sf
Cumberland, MD	37	21	pc	44	31	pc	45	32	pc	47	30	pc	45	30	r
Erie, PA	36	28	sf	49	34	pc	42	34	sf	46	34	pc	42	30	sf
Franklin, PA	31	19	pc	44	30	pc	39	29	sf	42	30	pc	41	29	sn
Greensburg, PA	37	24	pc	49	33	pc	43	31	sn	48	33	pc	43	31	sn
Greenville, PA	32	23	pc	44	31	pc	41	30	sf	44	31	pc	39	29	sn
Grove City, PA	34	22	pc	45	29	pc	41	29	sn	43	31	pc	41	30	sn
Hagerstown, MD	41	21	pc	45	32	pc	48	30	pc	48	32	pc	48	32	pc
Indiana, PA	39	25	pc	48	35	pc	45	32	r	47	33	pc	43	31	sn
Jamestown, NY	30	23	sf	41	29	pc	39	28	sf	41	31	pc	36	29	sf
Kittanning, PA	37	25	pc	48	33	pc	44	31	r	47	33	pc	43	32	sn
Lisbon, OH	34	23	pc	46	32	pc	43	30	sn	46	31	pc	40	29	sn
Mansfield, OH	36	27	pc	47	30	pc	41	30	sn	46	29	pc	40	26	sf
Marietta, OH	37	24	pc	54	33	pc	45	29	sh	49	30	pc	43	30	sf
McKeesport, PA	34	24	pc	49	32	pc	42	30	sn	48	32	pc	43	31	sn
Meadville, PA	32	24	sf	43	30	pc	41	29	sf	43	30	pc	38	30	sn
Morgantown, WV	38	22	pc	46	32	pc	44	30	pc	44	32	pc	44	31	r
New Castle, PA	35	24	pc	47	31	pc	43	31	sn	46	32	pc	41	31	sn
Oil City, PA	33	21	pc	45	31	pc	40	30	sf	43	31	pc	41	30	sn
Pittsburgh, PA	35	23	pc	44	32	pc	42	28	sn	45	32	pc	40	27	sn
Sharon, PA	33	23	pc	46	32	pc	41	30	sn	45	31	pc	39	29	sn
Somerset, PA	31	20	pc	41	30	pc	38	29	pc	40	29	pc	37	28	sn
Steubenville, OH	34	23	pc	50	31	pc	43	30	sn	46	33	pc	43	30	sn
Uniontown, PA	36	23	pc	51	33	pc	44	29	r	48	32	pc	43	29	sn
Warren, OH	34	24	pc	47	32	pc	42	30	sn	45	32	pc	38	29	sn
Washington, PA	36	24	pc	47	29	pc	43	27	sn	45	32	pc	39	27	sn
Waynesburg, PA	37	24	pc	50	32	pc	44	28	sn	47	32	pc	42	29	sn
Wheeling, WV	34	23	pc	52	32	pc	42	30	sn	46	33	pc	44	30	r
Youngstown, OH	33	22	pc	46	31	pc	41	31	sn	44	31	pc	38	29	sn
Wooster, OH	34	24	pc	46	28	pc	41	28	sn	46	27	pc	41	28	sf
Zanesville, OH	40	26	pc	51	31	pc	45	30	r	49	29	pc	40	28	sf

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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Thanksgiving has a special meaning for WC runner

By Tom Heath
Staff Writer

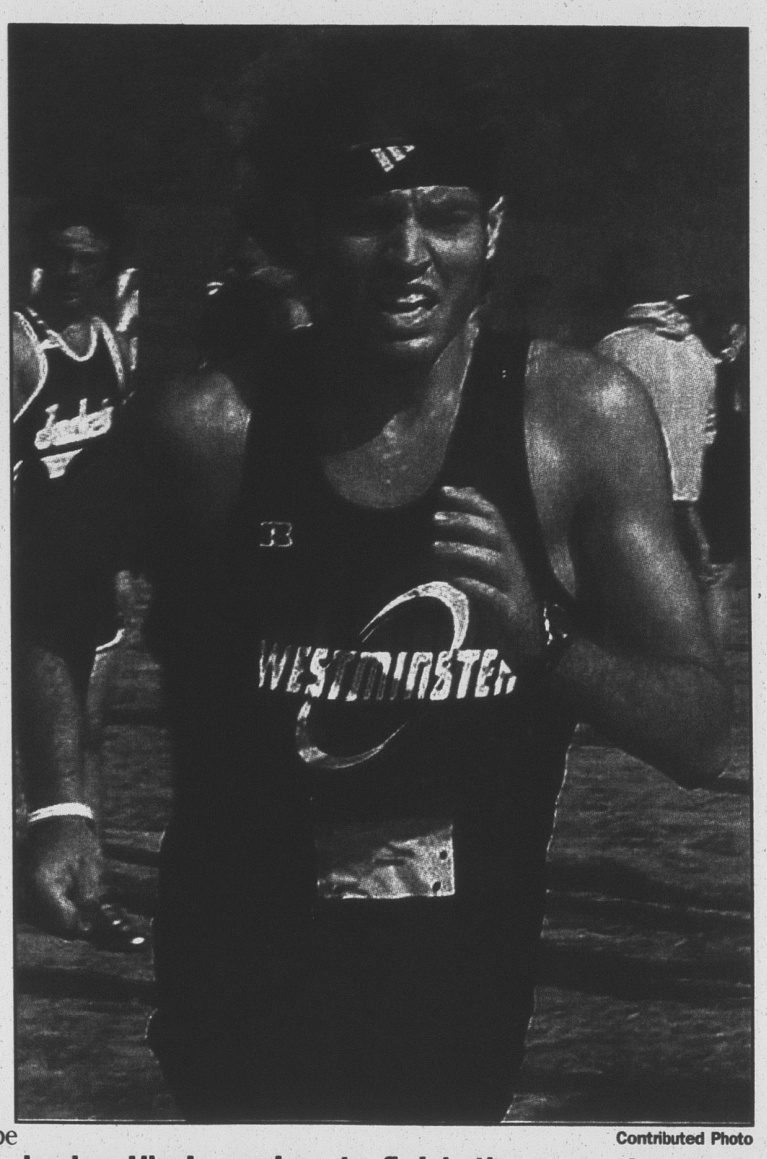
In a few days will we all be headed home for the Thanksgiving holiday as well as the beginning of the Christmas season. Many of us see it as a well deserved break before finals, a time to visit with family and friends and for those like me, a time to catch up on some work. However, Thanksgiving has a special meaning for one Titan cross country runner. Senior Jordan Hinds has a lot to be thankful for. Two things in particular are his ability to run and also his life.

When Jordan was 3 years old, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor, and surgery was needed to attempt to remove it. However, his situation continued to get worse as time went on. When he was in sixth grade, he started having seizures on a more frequent basis and the continued getting worse. Jordan has always been very active in athletics. Since a young age, he competed in cross country and track as well as basketball. Unlike other young athletes, his seizures became more frequent when he worked out and had an elevated heart rate. As a result, he wasn't able to participate in athletics.

Things continued to get worse as time went on. "I felt like I was trapped in a body that did not function correctly." Jordan noted. "I would have something in my hand, I knew what it was but I couldn't express exactly what. It was a very difficult thing to deal with." By 10th grade, Jordan was receiving radiation as well as chemotherapy to attempt to control the tumor and also stop the seizures. In May of that year, nothing was stopping it and he was having 10 to 15 seizures a day. They admitted Jordan one last time to figure out what was causing all of this. After a month in the hospital, a stroke and a 3rd surgery, the tumor was minimized and the seizures had stopped. Jordan could finally start running again and get back to a normal life.

The last time Jordan had a seizure, he was 16. He takes medication to control the risk of any future seizures. "After going through all of that, I appreciate everything that much more," Hinds said. "Knowing that I had my ability to run taken away from me, I run every race all out. At the end of the race, I have nothing left to give. At one point, I never thought I would run ever again and I'm thankful for the opportunity." Although Jordan may not have ended up at the top of the PAC cross country meet this year, he is thrilled with his accomplishments. He set a new personal record in his last collegiate meet at 32:30. "I sold out……win or lose, I know that I did my best and had nothing left to give."

As a result of the struggles he has over come, Jordan is very active in the Epilepsy Foundation, as well as TitanFest which benefits the foundation. I encourage all of you on campus to participate in TitanFest to support this great cause. Finally, I hope everyone has a safe, relaxing and enjoyable break. Don't forget to give thanks for the simple things we take for granted. You never know when the can be taken away.



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Jordan Hinds pushes to finish the race strong at Bethany in 2004.

Titans fall in season finale

By Steven Brink
staff writer

Coach Jeff Hand's visit to his formal school didn't go as well as Titan fans had hoped. Westminster gave up 539 yards of total offense as the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets beat up on the Titans, winning by a score of 40-13 last Saturday.

Westminster finishes the season with a 4-6 overall record, while finishing 2-4 in the PAC conference. Waynesburg and Grove City also finished 2-4 in conference play, leaving the three schools in a three-way tie for 4th place in the PAC.

Waynesburg opened up the game with excellent field position after a very poor kick-off. The Yellow Jackets marched all the way to the Titan 14-yard line, but Waynesburg quarterback Tres Cobb was intercepted by sophomore linebacker Jason Fridley at the goal line, preventing a possible Waynesburg touchdown.

After Fridley's interception, things got very ugly for the Titans. Three plays after the pick, Sean Buggey fumbled at his own 18-yard line. Waynesburg's Andy Tenney recovered the fumble, and the Yellow Jackets were in business.

On the very next play, Waynesburg got on the scoreboard. Cobb found wideout Dominick Hunter, who caught the ball on one side of the field, changed directions, and sprinted 21 yards to the opposite pylon. Ben Popson's kick was missed, and Waynesburg led 6-0.

The Titans went three-and-out on their next possession and gave the Jackets excellent field position again. This time, Waynesburg started at their own 47. After three Ryan Abels runs and a 12-yard completion to Ivan Hawkins, Waynesburg found the end zone again. Eric Daniels' 15-yard touchdown run (one of three TD's on the day for Daniels) put the Yellow Jackets up by a score of 13-0.

Westminster wasn't done just yet, though. On the first play of the 2nd quarter, Coach Hand gambled by calling a fake punt on fourth and two near midfield. The gamble paid off, as Buggey scampered 22 yards for a Titan 1st down. On the very next play, quarterback Brett Myers found Brett Ziegler for a 22-yard touchdown, cutting the Waynesburg lead to 13-7. Myers, who started the game in place of the injured J.R. Barley, did a very nice job in his first collegiate start. The sophomore from Tallmadge, Ohio was 18 of 34 for a career-high 198 yards through the air. Myers threw two touchdowns in the game, both of which went to Ziegler.

Waynesburg rounded out the scoring in the first half as kicker Ben Popson made a 23-yard field goal with just over nine minutes to go. Popson's kick gave the Yellow Jackets a 16-7 lead. Myers' Hail-Mary pass at the end of the half fell incomplete, leaving Waynesburg up by nine going into the locker room.

The Titans went three-and-out on their first two possessions of the 2nd half. After a Dusty Rhodes 29-yard punt, Waynesburg's Eric Daniels went sixty yards for a score on the very next play. The touchdown put the Jackets up 23-7. The run was Daniels' second touchdown of the game. The junior running back finished the game with 154 yards on the ground on just eleven carries. His counterpart, junior Ryan Abels, also had over 100 yards rushing. Abels rushed for 140 yards on 23 carries while also adding a touchdown. Abels became just the 2nd player in Waynesburg school history to rush for over 3,000 yards for his career. The junior needs only 150 yards for all of next season to become the school's all-time leading rusher.

On the ensuing Titan possession, Westminster responded with a touchdown of their own. Brett Myers completed a 39-yard pass to fullback Josh Weese, and two plays later he found Brett Ziegler for a 26-yard touchdown reception.

However, two early 4th quarter rushing touchdowns (one by Abels and Daniels each) put Waynesburg in a commanding position. The Jackets led 37-13 at that point. Ben Popson added a 35-yard field goal to make it a 40-13 Waynesburg lead.

Neither team would score again. The Titans couldn't overcome the early deficit, as they lost to Waynesburg in the season finale for the second consecutive year.

Defensively, Ryan Chmura and Adam Hadbavny led the Titans in tackles with eight a piece. Jason Fridley finished the game with six tackles, one interception, and one quarterback sack.

It was the final game for fourteen seniors. Westminster's 4-6 finish is only their fifth losing season in the last 54 years.

6 Brett Myers to Brett Ziegler 26 yard TD

5 Sean Buggey Fake Punt Run 22 yards

4 Eric Daniels for 50 yard TD, 3rd TD of game

3 Domenick Hunter 43 yard TD reception

2 Chris Burns (Wilmington) 23 yard rec.

1 Scott Lewis 76 yard kickoff return for TD

Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

Titan men's basketball preview

The circus has returned as the Titan basketball team opens their 2005-2006 season Friday night, Nov. 18, in the Buzz Ridl Invitational. Although they've lost some quality players, the Titans plan to rebound from last year's 15-10 mark.

When asked whom he expects to step up and fill the shoes of names like Pagley, O'Connor and Hatch, head coach Larry Ondako responded, "All of them. I don't want to single anyone out because we lost Pat, Chris, and Eddie, but we've basically lost six people from last year. We're going to need at least six people to step up."

The top returnee, Mark DeMonaco, will direct the Titans' offensive attack. Last season DeMonaco led the Titans in scoring (18.3 ppg), while earning all-conference first team recognition for the second consecutive year.

The Titans feature some impressive shooters, including Craig Hannon, Nick DiNatale and Brian Urso. Hannon was an all-PAC honorable-mention selection last season, averaging nearly 14 points per game. Meanwhile, Urso and DiNatale established themselves as legitimate scoring threats.

Westminster also returns Brian Fadden, a "throwback" player whose rebounding and passing abilities have earned him significant playing time for three years.

Besides an absurd amount of three-point attempts, another constant in the 'Larry Ondako Era' has been the 'Blue-White Scrimmage.'

"It was a chance to get out there and get everyone in a game situation - from scorekeepers, radio people, to Joe Onderko and his people doing stats," Coach Larry Ondako said.

The Titans certainly have kept our friendly sports information director busy. In 2004-2005, Westminster averaged over 60 three-point attempts per game, while averaging an astounding 108 points per game.

Westminster hosts Delaware Valley Friday night, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. The Aggies posted a 9-16 record last season, including a 4-10 mark in the conference.

Lastly, I'm not a sexist, nor do I aspire to be one. The Lady Titans' season preview will be included in next week's issue. Unfortunately, you do have to subject yourself again to my writing. I'm sorry.

Jason Mackey is a senior broadcast communications major. He can be seen weekly on Coach's Corner (7 p.m. on the WCN) and also meets the mandatory "Abercrombie Requirement" for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

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A&E Arts & Entertainment

Derailed
veering off track

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Like its title suggests, *Derailed* veers a little of course from an interesting story with intriguing characters to yet another thriller with expected twists and the one unexpected surprise action by a main character.

Clive Owen plays Charles Shine, a businessman with a lot more than the stock market on his mind. His young daughter has a terrible case of diabetes that has resulted in three failed kidney transplants, and his firm fired him from his biggest account. Not exactly sunny days here in Chicago.

To add to this disquieting state of life, his wife cleans out his wallet and leaves him without cash to pay the fare on the train. Fortunately, sexy Lucinda Harris (Jennifer Aniston) is there to offer to pay for him (Clive Owen-who wouldn't?). How generous those city folk can be. Anyway, both are married but discontent with their current state of affairs. There is a definite attraction between them and Charles decides to take Lucinda to dinner as repayment for the train ticket. How innocently it all starts.

To give them credit, the basis for the attraction is the conversation that both are lacking in their lives. They act as a compassionate soundboard for each other and easy conversation. After dinner they stop by a seedy motel to take things a bit farther, but are interrupted mid-seduction by a crazy robber (Vincent Cassel) with a French accent. He says his name is La Roche and proceeds to rob the both of them, beat the crap out of Charles, and rape Lucinda.

Afterwards, Charles and Lucinda split ways and Charles uses the lame excuse that he was mugged. His wife is quite understanding and trusting; it is Chicago after all. However, the horror is not done. La Roche proceeds to call Charles at home and demand money or else he exposes his and Lucinda's adultery. At this point I'm going to stop summarizing the plot since I don't want to give any spoilers. Basically, Charles is forced to give La Rôche all his money (money he had saved up for his daughter's healthcare) and subsequently becomes more entangled in this twisted and sick plot. He eventually plans to try and be one step ahead of La Roche, but things just keep going wrong.

Clive Owen and Jennifer Aniston give excellent and convincing portraits of likeable people who are experiencing a rut in their lives. They portray the quiet acceptance of their lives as they stand. However, in between the good acting and plot twists, the glue that should hold together these good pieces is missing; leaving a somewhat lackluster feeling of plot drive. It's a good thriller, but leaves you wishing it would have given you something more to think about. With the promising new releases of Harry Potter, Pride and Prejudice, and Walk the Line, this may be one film to wait for rental.

Rating: B-

Sherri is a junior English major with a film studies minor. Sherri is known to be gruff until she's had her daily caffeine fix. Of course, after the gruffiness clears, she'll never stop yammering in your ear.

Source: www.melissageorge.com

Jennifer Aniston and Clive Owen star in *Derailed*.

Pied[1] and Prejudice:
The "Darcification" of Pride and Prejudice, or 26 words to broaden your vocabulary

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Staff writers

This discourse is for every burgeoning[2] lad yearning to make that special lass swoon[3] this upcoming Thanksgiving movie weekend. It's not even a fortnight[4] away, so let's plan accordingly on how you can host an auspicious[5] "Darcific" moment of your own.

Now, a myriad of men envisage6 the proverbial[7] flowers, chocolates, English accent and copious[8] mansions as being what it takes—'tis. That said, side compliments, saving our families from scandalous little sisters fornicating and wearing suave dark curly hair slightly wet whilst trotting out of a cerulean[9] pool on a white mare and speaking with your eyes –not your lips or your eyebrows—way illustrious. It also helps to ask us for all the dances on our card.

And if you think this is Fabio we're referring to, you're reading the wrong harlequin[10] article. No, my burgeoning lads, the man you should all follow –although most of you are those big troglodyte[11] Steelers or half wit fainéants[12], is the internationally-acclaimed man of pontificated[13] literature mystery: the original Mr. Darcy, A.K.A Colin Firth.

In truth, gentle readers, there is a reason why more than 80 percent of the published world is littered with trashy romance novels. But one and only one reigns supreme: Pride & Prejudice. Sorry lads, no girls take off their tops in this book, but if you see the film, we promise Kiera will spearhead a knightly amount of ample cleavage even in the matutinal[14] light of day.

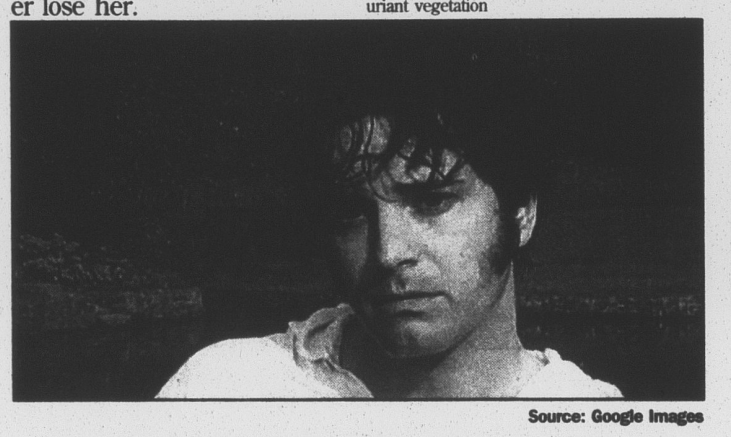
But let this be said: Austen's tale is not about lascivious[15] puerile[16] concepts; rather it transcends into Neo-Platonistic pulchritude[17]. Yes, it is a litany of men waxing18 with women— thrusting romance across the moors of high society with a slew of packed verbiage[19] and heady glances—not carnal beastly illusions. And if ever those beastly ways come into contact with our heroines, assuredly Mr. Darcy saves the day.

The novel, which you should be reading voraciously[20], is filled with heightened eminence[21], basically because your girlfriend will kiss you after you finish it. She'll probably let you kiss her twice if you show up with flowers and chocolates and have chosen to spend two hours (or six if you watch the original) with her in a dark theatre holding hands.

In case you want brownie points, you can tell her at dinner over your Cabernet Sauvignon that you know the entire storyline. You need to particularly say how you find it remarkable that Austen was intelligent enough to focus the tale upon the female psyche and some sophomoric[22] sisters using their capabilities (A.K.A. feminine wiles[23]) and/or intellect and wit to reason against the harsh marriage trap outlined by the draconian[24] time period. Don't forget to tell her you have a mansion (if you don't then just equivocate[25] a little: say, for instance, you have a large fountain and lush[26] gardens). Also say you've lost all your pride and your prejudice, but you'll never lose her.

Glossary

1 **Pied** *adj.* variegated; multi colored.
2 **bour-geon** *intr.v.* To grow and flourish.
3 **swoon** *intr.v.* To be overwhelmed by ecstatic joy.
4 **fort-night** *n.* A period of 14 days; two weeks.
5 **aus-pi-cious** *adj.* Marked by success; prosperous.
6 **en-vis-age** *tr.v.* To consider or regard in a certain way.
7 **pro-ver-bi-al** *adj.* Widely referred to, as if the subject of a proverb; famous.
8 **co-pi-ous** *adj.* Large in quantity; abundant
9 **ce-ru-le-an** *adj.* Azure; sky-blue.
10 **har-le-quin** *adj.* clownish; a buffoon.
11 **trog-lo-dyte** *n.* A member of a prehistoric race of people that lived in caves, dens, or holes.
12 **fai-né-ant** *n.* An irresponsible idler; a sluggard.
13 **pon-tif-i-cat-ed** *adj.*. To expressing opinions or judgments in a dogmatic way.
14 **ma-tu-ti-nal** *adj.* Of, relating to, or occurring in the morning; early.
15 **las-civ-i-ous** *adj.* Given to or expressing lust
16 **pu-er-ile** *adj.* Immature; childish.
17 **pul-chri-tude** *n.* Great physical beauty and appeal.
18 **wax-ing** *n.* a gradual increase in magnitude or extent
19 **ver-bi-age** *n.* An excess of words for the purpose; wordiness.
20 **vo-ra-cious** *adj.* Consuming or ravenous.
21 **em-i-nence** *n.* A position of great distinction or superiority
22 **soph-o-mor-ic** *adj.* Exhibiting great immaturity and lack of judgment.
23 **wiles** *n.* A disarming or seductive manner, device, or procedure.
24 **dra-con-ian** *adj.* Exceedingly harsh; very severe;
25 **e-quiv-o-cate** *intr.v.* To avoid making an explicit statement.
26 **lush** *adj.* Having or characterized by luxuriant vegetation



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Meet Mr. Darcy: the guy girls prattle on and on and on about for hours. Be sure to see the new *Pride & Prejudice*.

Dumplin' Haus
Leah's tasting an old college tradition in Volant

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

Sometimes you're just in the mood for a small, quaint meal without a lot of noise or distractions. I know I was on Wednesday, and that is why some friends and I went to the Dumplin' Haus in Volant for lunch.

In this restaurant that has less than ten tables in the dining area, you can find homemade breads and rolls, soups, pies, and apple dumplings. There is an array of sandwiches on the homemade bread/rolls. Some sandwiches include grilled cheese, grilled ham and cheese, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, grilled chicken, and fish sandwiches. Their famous soup is the chicken dumpling. They also have tossed salads, chicken salads, and steak salads with about ten choices of dressings. (My favorite is the heated sweet and sour!)

"The chicken dumpling soup reminds me of my grandma's cooking at home," said Katie Meadows, a friend who came along for the trip. "It's a nice change from Sodexho."

After lunch, we indulged ourselves in some of their homemade pies. I had the pumpkin pie which was wonderful with its whipped topping and flakey crust. The raspberry pie came highly recommended.

Here's a little tidbit of information that I found out while I was dining there. One of the cooks that works at the Dumplin' Haus used to cook for Westminster, but left when they decided to bring in prepackaged/cooked meals instead of home-cooking. Please come back!

The Dumplin' Haus is open from 8am-4pm on Monday through Friday, and on Saturday and Sunday they are open from 8am-6pm.

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

Have a particular restaurant at which you find yourself often?

Want to suggest it for a review by The Holcad?

Drop us a line at holcad@westminster.edu and we'll add it to our list!

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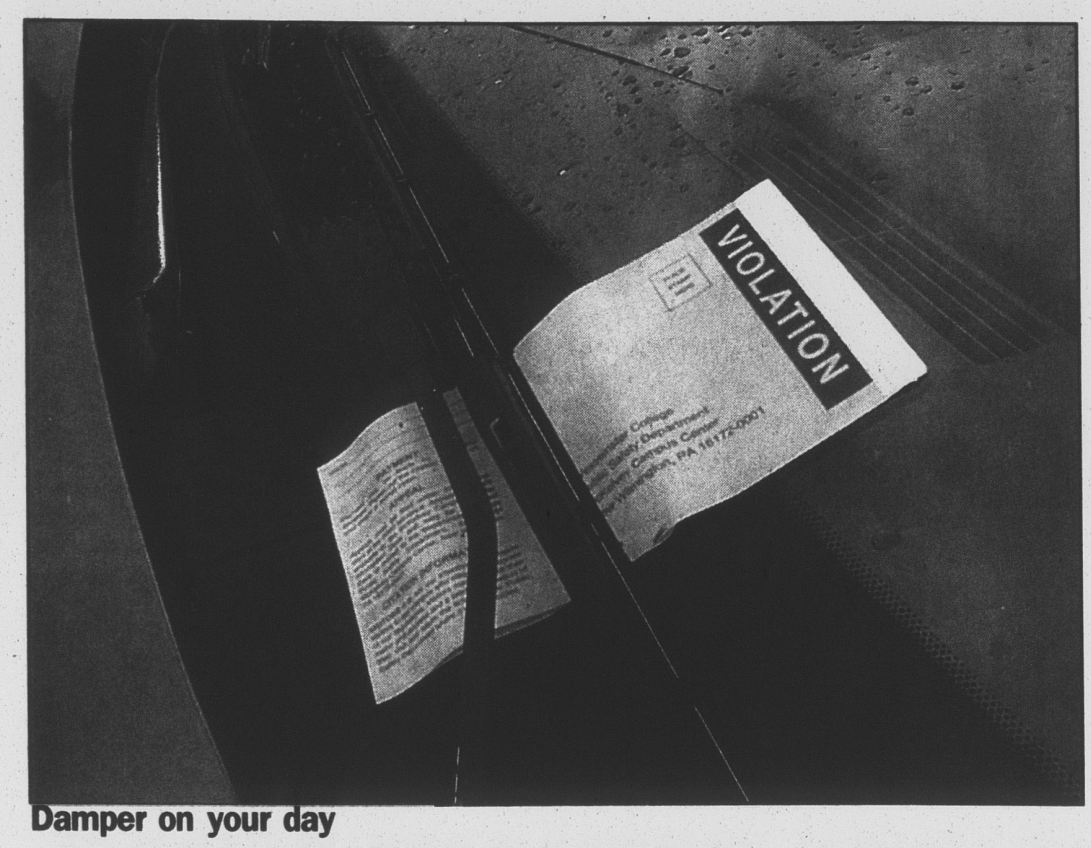
Raiding Spaces

Investigation and photography by Kathryn Larson
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The police "protect and serve." But can they protect you from the harsh bite of a $50 parking ticket? OK, maybe not. . .but the Holcad can! Welcome to the first unofficial guide, finally released after getting clearance from the higher-ups.

The goal: Get readers up to speed on avoiding the cops while you drive and park around our mother fair.



Damper on your day

If you are slammed with a ticket, be sure to appeal the ticket. You don't need to write a salient feature, three pages or, for that matter, a dissertation -- a simple half page will do nicely. Still, public safety site supervisor Bill Brandt warns that, while you feel like you've been pinched, "you still better have a good reason."

Far and Away

New Wilmington Police are watching

Let's begin by addressing the point that Public Safety is really here to protect you-especially from the wicked New Wilmington police. Associate dean of security John Lechner hinted in a recent interview to be cautious. The NWPD has the authority to catch you even on school property. New Wilmington Police Chief Carmen Piccarillo says students speeding along is always a problem. With fines starting in the hundred of bucks, be sure to watch your lead foot.

Ten things every student should know

1). There is no schedule or route public safety follows Monday through Friday.

2). There is no quota; however, when out with Brandt on my trip around Shaw, he did net more than 150 dollars. Gentle reader, think about this: merely twenty minutes of work. Imagine the damage done in a day.

3). If you have more than **3** tickets and you have no tag on your car, you will be towed.

4). If you have more than **7** tickets and a parking tag, you will be towed. Although tips 3 & 4 sound like they'll never happen to all of us repeat offenders, as of last week, **5** students had lost their privileges. It happens.

5). In case you don't think it'll happen–last year, one student racked up, according to Lechner and Brandt, more than $1,500 in tickets. The sources say this girl was towed off-campus several times, but she still came back. *(By the way this isn't some old urban parking legend. Allegedly when her dad found out about her shenanigans, she couldn't go anywhere after she graduated.)*

6). Most of the roads you're driving on do belong to the state-not the college. Watch out for those wicked New Wilmington police-always!

7). **That's Hot!** I can't wait til Paris Hilton starts flashing her bright orange parking tickets on her Bentley as she speeds through the limits of New Castle and Sharon. Seriously, it's totally a fashion faux-pas to be seen sporting one of these little orange numbers anywhere outside the borough. Now, I know last year our tickets were vanilla bland, but just because these orange knickers are fetching to the eye, I haven't seen anyone wear this look well.

8). According to the 1972 *Argo*, SGA planned to set up a $1000 fund to help pay student fines levied for violating college policy. We wish SGA was that cool in 2005, hint hint.

9). If you're gonna park illegally then do it over the weekends or late at night; tickets aren't typically issued then. Have fun!

10). When it rains-it pours. A wise old sage once said, "Rainy days are just like sunshiny days from the standpoint of color violations." Brandt says weather troubles are bad for everyone involved because he has to get out of the car and serve the ticket so "everyone gets wet."

Bending it with Brandt:

Any leeway with tickets?

For this article, I wanted to experience first-hand writing the ticket. I wanted to know if an evil contempt was buried deep down in the officer's heart as he ticketed certain individuals (AKA: illustrious red-headed editors). With my eager microphone in hand, I awaited my drive into the "danger zone."

OK, it was really just a twenty minute ambulation around Shaw one fall afternoon, but as public safety site manager Bill Brandt circled the lot, I realized how extremely exhausting this job is. In fact, the only obvious bias he had was towards cars with menial $10 color code violations.

Basically Brandt walks by every car checking for a colored sticker.

By the way, don't think you can escape if you park your car tail first (that only makes his radar go off more).

Still, as we searched, he'd tell stories of students attempting to cry or talk their way out of tickets; it doesn't work, gentle reader. I've seen the man in action.

An SOS:

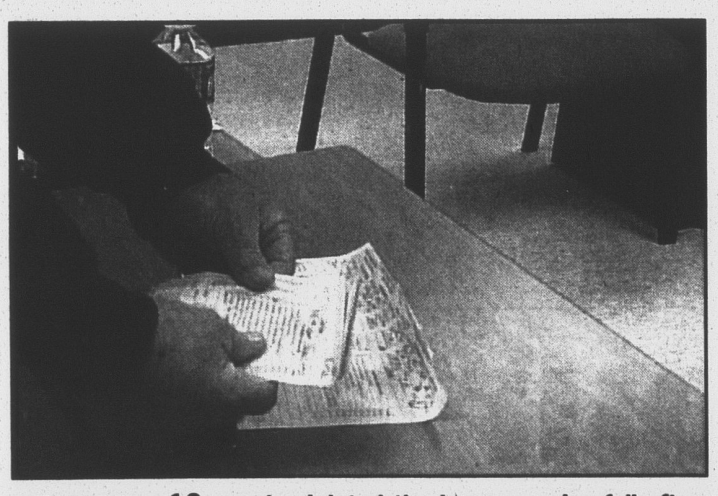
Safe in Our Semi-boarding-school–college?

But back on our land, far away from the hustle and bustle of borough life, let it be known from henceforth that we Westminster students never, ever speed. However, when it comes to attaining the 'goodly life,' the motto should be 'a good parking spot is hard to come by.' And, if that parking spot may be in the grass, in a handicapped place or up a tree, students from across the campus are making errors faster than they lose their beer at a frat party.

More than **2000 violations were counted last year** alone and, already, Public Safety has issued more than 500 of those tickets of doom this year.

Just think about that. About 1,400 men and women attend Westminster, meaning we all get ticketed- at least once.

Lechner insists, "It's not our job to judge; it is to write the ticket." In other words, public safety doesn't have a quota system; they're simply trying to protect the Westminsterian world order; they do it by checking one parking spot at a time.



More than 10 people violated the law one crisp fall afternoon. As usual, the law won $150 in spoils.

Hark- I can't park!

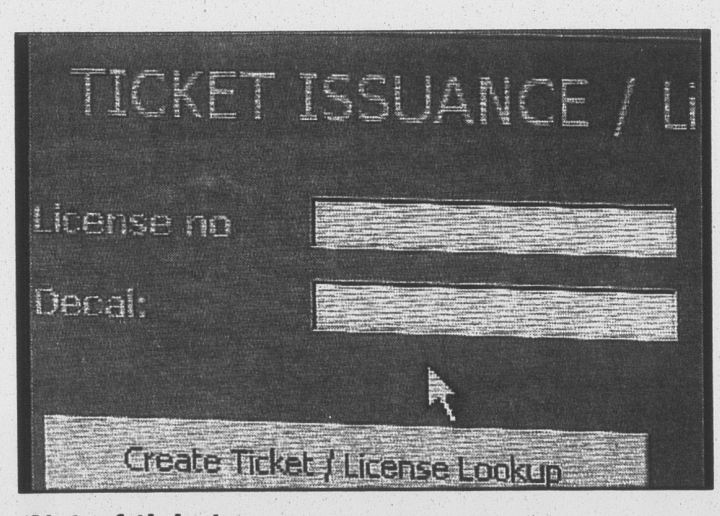
The Westminsterian Abbey has too many pious people peopling parking spots!

Never fear, here is an extensive and exhaustive complete list of places *The Holcad* recommends to park when Westminster's overpopulated:

Lake Brittain - The fish, like the VIPER (snake looking security device), will gladly hold onto the chastity of your vehicle. They probably won't even let it come up for air.

So. . . is there any hope?

Kind of. Next year, a more than $100,000 lot is going behind the field house, promising 100 new spaces. Apparently parking is a pricy procedure, costing about $1,000 per spot. But with a more than three minute walk up to central campus, students may not look so highly on the venture.



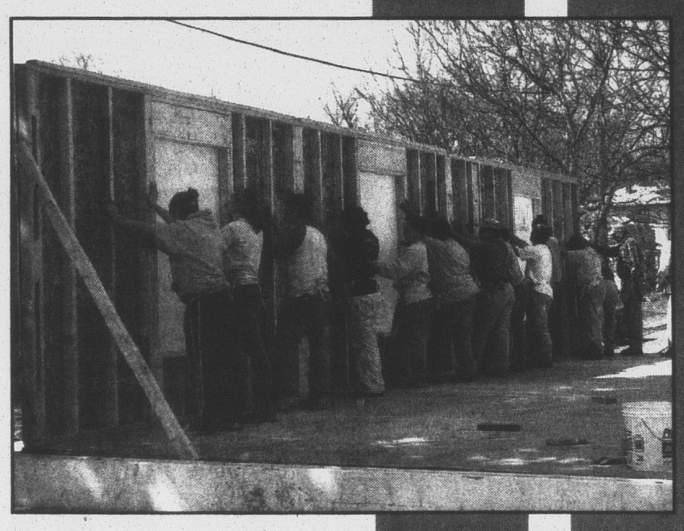
'Net of tickets

About three years ago, Brandt says the ticketing went online to keep a better paper trail. Basically, Public Safety can see if you've been naughty or nice over your college years. Here is the good news: While they do keep the record for their own dubious fun, each year your record is expunged.

Special thanks to everyone in the Public Safety Department and to New Wilmington Police Chief Carmen Piccarillo.

Be sure to tune into the County Line on Adelphia Cable Channel 9 next week to find out about the new parking lot.

Habitat for Humanity



House plans fold, new plans in the works

By Mary Leonetti
Campus Writer

Habitat for Humanity is trying to work on a new project since the "House-in-a-Box" project is not going to go through as planned.

Habitat International sent word that the project would have to be scrapped. This was sent to our chapter of Habitat soon after all the red tape and deadlines had all been met.

Originally this project was planned in response to all the hurricanes the southern states and countries endured over the summer. The building of the house was going to take place earlier this month.

"It seemed like they were delaying us to build it," junior and vice president of Habitat for Humanity Mike Spicuzza said.

Habitat International was doing this to contribute to hurricane relief efforts but received so many responses for help that they needed to scrap some of the projects.

However, Habitat is still pursuing options and still wants to build a house on campus this year. They are currently raising money and waiting on a new plan. No tentative dates have been scheduled because of the delay in the plans.

"We are definitely still going to build a house on campus and send it down through some type of organization to get it there," sophomore and Treasurer of Habitat Mariella Volker said.

Volker is also the fundraising chair and is excited about how much money the chapter has raised so far this year.

"This year has been amazing in the way of fundraising efforts," Volker said. "Currently we have raised over $5,000 for projects."

Habitat also receives $22,000 from a private donor to benefit a project that Habitat will work on this year.

The money they have currently raised will go toward the next project.

Spicuzza, Volker, and the rest of Habitat are pleased with the support they are getting from the college and are very appreciative of it. Campus response is fairly good also.

"It's a really important service that they provide for people in need," junior Alex Hines said. "It's good for the college, giving the opportunity for students to be included, and it also helps those in need of a home."

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November 18, 2005
Admissions Overnight
Sexual Assault Awareness Week
Mission Work Trip to Mississippi (through November 27)
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: March of the Penguins – MCC Mueller Theater
8:00 PM Women's Basketball at Penn State-Behrend Invitational
8:00 PM Men's Basketball vs. Delaware Valley (H)
8:00 PM Celebrity Series: "Blast" – Orr Auditorium
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Dukes of Hazzard – MCC Mueller Theater
November 19, 2005
Campus Visitation Day
10:45 AM - 8:30 PM National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition – Orr Auditorium
12:45 PM - 2:00 PM National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition – MCC Club/Lounge
1:00 PM Women's Basketball at Penn State Behrend Tip-Off Tournament (second game at 3:00 pm)
1:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Wooster (H)
6:00 PM Men's Basketball Hosts Buzz Ridl Classic (H) (second game at 8:00)
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Dukes of Hazzard – MCC Mueller Theater
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Night Owl Bowling (two vans) – MCC Entrance, Shaw Side
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: March of the Penguins – MCC Mueller Theater
November 20, 2005
3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: March of the Penguins – MCC Mueller Theater
3:00 PM Concert Choir and Chamber Singers Concert: "Rejoice Exultantly" – Wallace Memorial Chapel
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Dukes of Hazzard – MCC Mueller Theater
November 21, 2005
7:30 PM Concert: Faculty Jazz Quartet – Orr Auditorium
9:00 PM Monday Night Football: Minnesota Vikings vs. Green Bay Packers – MCC Club
10:00 PM Off-Campus Lottery Informational Meeting – MCC Witherspoon Maple
November 22, 2005
Last Day to Withdraw from a 7-Week Course (held the second half of the semester)
12:00 PM HELP (Help Educate Against Racism) Meeting – MCC Lakeview
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM Techniques and Strategies to Battle Stress – Student Health Center
6:00 PM Residence Halls Close
7:00 PM Women's Basketball at Marietta
7:30 PM Men's Basketball at Pitt-Bradford
November 23, 2005 & November 24, 2005 & November 25, 2005 & November 26, 2005
Thanksgiving Break
November 27, 2005
Thanksgiving Break
2:00 PM Residence Halls Open
6:00 PM Men's Basketball vs. Case Western Reserve (H)
7:00 PM Vespers – Wallace Memorial Chapel
November 28, 2005
Classes Resume
7:30 PM Faculty Organ Recital: Dr. Elizabeth Harrison – Wallace Memorial Chapel
8:45 PM Christmas Tree Lighting – Quad
9:00 PM Monday Night Football: Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Indianapolis Colts – MCC Club
November 29, 2005
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM Techniques and Strategies to Battle Stress – Student Health Center
7:30 PM Men's Basketball at Penn State-Behrend
8:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal – Wallace Memorial Chapel
November 30, 2005
11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Craig Caylor, "Dynamics of Vibrated Water Droplets" – MCC Mueller Theater
4:00 PM Colloquium Guest Speaker: Tim Smith, "Personal Encyclopedias and 'The Baptism of Russia', Experiments in Interactive Learning Software" – Hoyt 152
4:15 PM Peace Studies Coffeehouse – MCC Berlin Student Lounge
7:00 PM Women's Basketball vs. Mount Union (H)
8:00 PM Celebrity Series: "The Spirit of Christmas" – Orr Auditorium
December 01, 2005
Men's and Women's Swimming at Wooster Invitational
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Honors Band – Orr Auditorium
4:30 PM Book Discussion: The Alchemist – MCC Berlin Student Lounge
9:00 PM Off-Campus Lottery for Women – MCC Witherspoon Maple
9:45 PM Off-Campus Lottery for Men – MCC Wither.

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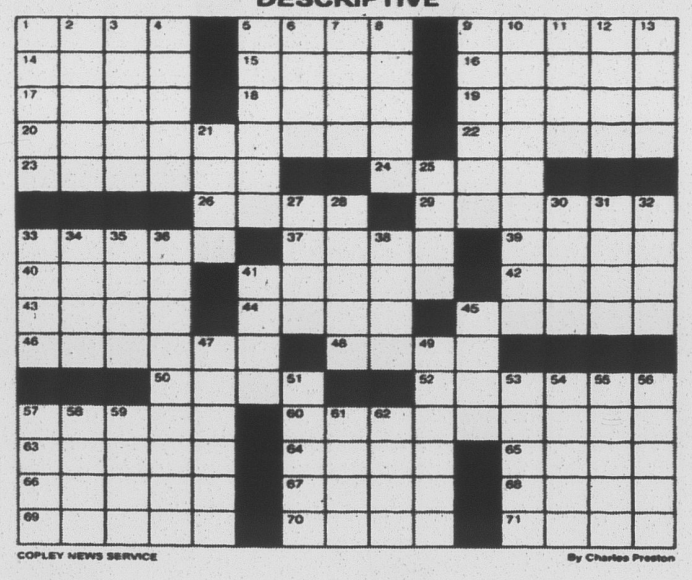

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE By Charles Preston

Last weeks's answers

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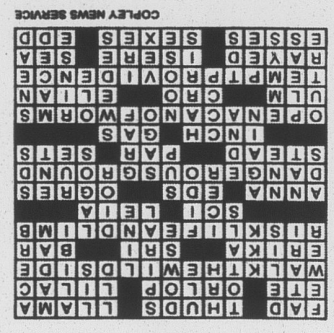

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16 Covet
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18 ___ of Man
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20 Polaris
22 Rock of Australia
23 Experiment with
24 Pequod
26 Windfall
29 Like O'Henry's endings
33 Hook points
37 Cleopatra's mascara
39 Down to the ___
40 Pitcher Hershiser
41 Polite
42 Sir Geraint's wife
43 Table card
44 Bay ___
45 Expunge
46 Boat, in Bayonne
48 Singer Eartha
50 Cat's meow, perhaps
52 "Evangeline" colony
57 Funny bone, locale
60 Ewing ranch
63 Genoese admiral Andrea
64 Offend, in a way
65 Cannon boom
66 Black wood
67 Pinza, of "South Pacific"
68 Hang ___: keep
69 Cauldron additives?
70 Not inspiring
71 Visible

DOWN

1 FBI decoy
2 Integrity
3 Word with tower or Coast
4 Slow, to Mozart
5 "The Count of Monte ___"
6 Bounce
7 Mexican stew
8 Equals
9 Cream puff
10 The clout of retirees
11 Lawn comb
12 Anon's partner
13 Guarding ___
21 Cores
25 San Francisco's Nob ___
27 Muskogee denizen of the 1930s
28 Kim, of Liebestraum
30 Pinta's sister ship
31 Rainbow goddess
32 Say uncle
33 Fiasco
34 Neighborhood
35 1996 Tony-winning musical
36 Siamese cat
38 LP player
41 Board game
45 Write on stone
47 "I'll be loving you, ___"
49 Drum signal
51 Angela's ___
53 '70s hair styles
54 Blackmore's "Lorna ___"
55 Seeing red
56 Ohio rubber city
57 "East of ___"
58 Ear section
59 Forehead
61 Ari's liqueur
62 "Exodus" author

Sudoku!

This week, *The Holcad* brings to you another sudoku.
To solve a sudoku number puzzle, fill in each blank spot. There should be no duplicate numerals in rows or columns and there should be one of each number in each three by three square.
This puzzle is considered medium difficulty.

If you enjoyed our experiement, let us know! If you want more sudoku puzzles, let us know! Alternatively, if you prefer horoscopes, let us know!

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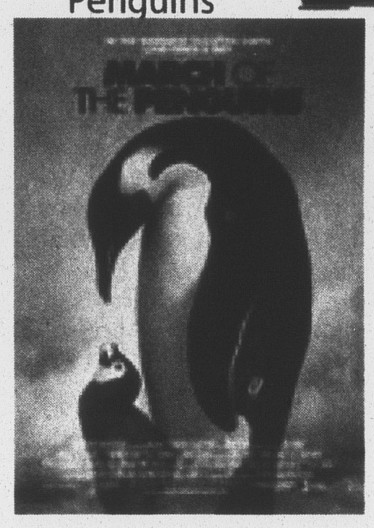

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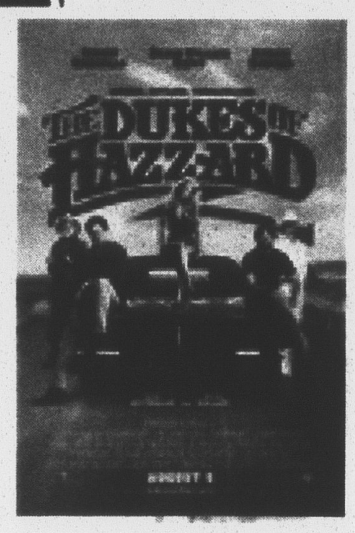

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Dec. 2 Titan's Tavern
Dec. 9 Comic- Dan Ahdoot
Dec. 10 Night Owl Bowling
Jan. 27 Texas Holdem
Feb. 10 Mardi Gras
Feb. 24 Jazz Concert
Mar. 3-5 Lil Sib's Weekend

FEATURES

Black Friday

A look at one of the most popular shopping days of the year

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

Next Friday marks one of the busiest shopping days of the year. Black Friday (the day after Thanksgiving), is when retailers move out of the **red** or losses and into the **black** or profits.

It is the day when the crowds take to the stores in a frantic panic as if the last Sony DVD player or the last Sleeping/Snoring Elmo will be eaten up by some other early-bird shopper.

If you have no idea what I'm talking about, picture a ridiculous scene from *Jingle All the Way*. Enough said.

Yes, that is right my fellow readers, next week at this time soccer moms will unload gym bags and groceries from their vans and SUV's in order to make room for all of those parcels and goodies.

So what makes Black Friday such a lucrative day to shop? Well, for starters, it marks the first official shopping day of the year, which is just crying out to the shopper within each of us. Second, most people have the day off from work, so that is always a plus. And third, retailers have noticed the large amount of money people are willing to drop on this day. Just think of those sale-hungry customers who park and wait in their cars at 4 in the morning in order to be one of the first 50 people through the front door at 6.

I don't dare head to the malls on this day, unless I'm scheduled to work, which unfortunately seems to happen every year, but if you happen to be reading this and plan on stomping out to the front lines on Black Friday, stuff yourself with some leftover turkey and take head of some of my tips I've gathered from working in retail at Victoria's Secret the past three years on this hectic day, and don't say I didn't warn you.

Black Friday Shopping Tips

Tip #1- Make sure you've checked the balance of your checking account and/or credit card limits. You'll want to avoid any nasty overdraft fees.

Tip #2- Women- keep your purse in sight at all times and tuck it in close to your body. Men- keep your wallet in your front pocket. Black Friday is a great day to have your purse or wallet as you have your hands full of bags.

Tip #3- Shop around- Don't go nuts at Old Navy and buy a shrug for your mom, sister and all of your cousins until you've looked at the Gap or somewhere else for the best deal.

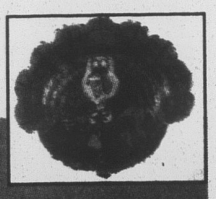
Tip #4- Don't expect too much of a selection. Most stores don't put out all of their best items on these busy days, so you'll need to make another trip to the mall before the big holiday celebration.

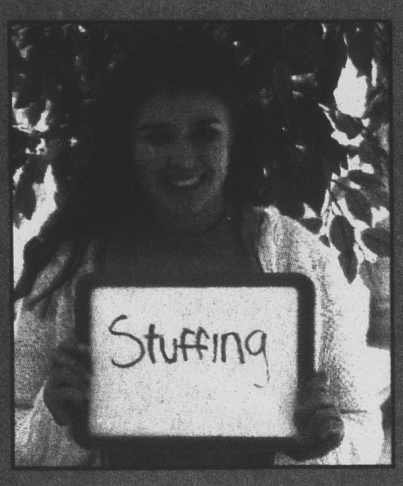
Tip #5- Don't expect much help from sales associates. They will be busy watching out for shoplifters and won't care too much that you need an extra-large instead of a large and can't find one anywhere in sight.

Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major. She's already made an interactive Christmas Wish List, complete with links and pictures in case anyone wants to buy her some treats while out shopping on Black Friday.

Question of the Week:

What's your favorite Thanksgiving food?





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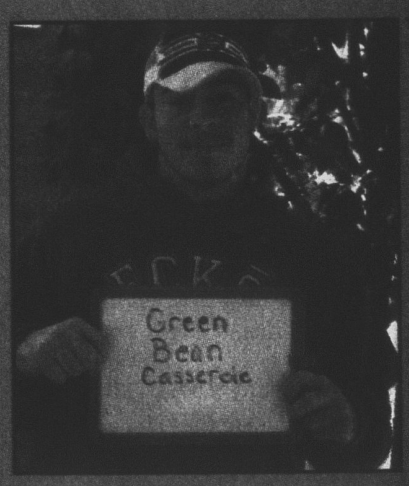

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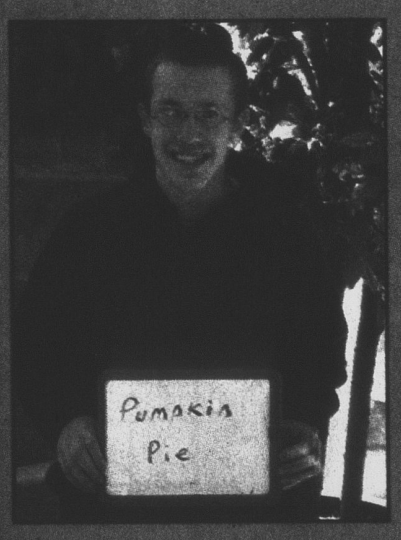

Adam Teeple, freshman

Karisa Nilsen, senior

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Bye, Bye, *Laguna Beach*

MTV hit series ends another season

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

If you say the words *Laguna Beach* in a crowded room, there is a good possibility a fight will break out. Either people love the MTV hit series show, or they absolutely despise it. I am a big follower of Laguna and was sad to say goodbye to the cast for another season. On the other hand, I am sure others were elated to see the show off the air.

Monday was the season finale of *Laguna* and as I settled down to watch it, I immediately heard someone whining in my ear. Yes, it was my boyfriend whom absolutely refuses to watch it. "I am not going to watch a show about some high school girls whose daddy's bought them everything," he said as he walked into the other room to watch *Family Guy*.

Laguna may not be for everyone, but I have run into a wide range of people who never dare to miss a show.

"I can't believe I have to work tonight, I am missing *Laguna Beach*," a 24 year-old, male co-worker of mine said.

He then went on to say how he dislikes Kristin for always playing games with Steven and how Steven should be with Lauren. It's just amazing on how many different *Laguna* fans you might run into in one day.

The relationships between the characters are what make *Laguna* so interesting. In recent movies such as *Me and Everyone I Know* or *Lost in Translation*, there is no central plot. They are merely about the connection felt between people and the forming and disarming of relationships. Thus, the point of reality television. *Laguna* has no plot and may seem a little silly, but is truly about the everyday relationships between young adults.

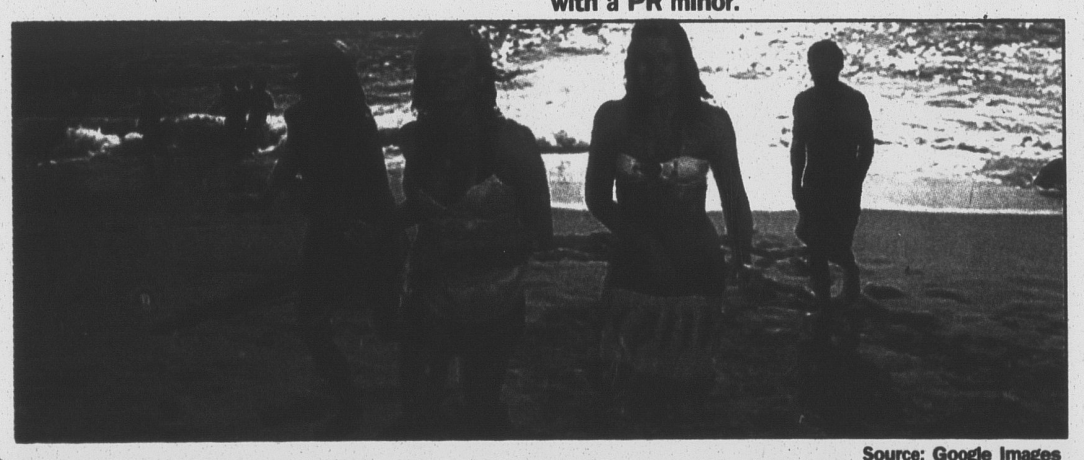
Rumors have it that *Laguna* is staged, but after some research, I learned that it is in fact a true reality show that is shot in a cinematic style. This style is used as a way to create a story-telling effect. Tony DiSanto, the producer of *Laguna*, chose this style to create an unscripted narrative about life in Orange County, California. The series proved not only to gain good ratings, but franchised and became a network success. The first season DVD is a top seller this year, and in the eleventh week period, the second season reached over 73 million viewers.

DiSanto has also brought us old favorites such as *Beverly Hills 90210*, but still has a few more tricks up his sleeve. Lauren of *Laguna Beach* will be featured on a new show called *The Hills* which lets us watch her attend design school and work as an intern for Teen Vogue Magazine. It will be interesting to watch her juggle school, a career and a relationship like so many college students do.

The Hills is not the only new MTV show to come. A new drama series *8TH and Ocean* will feature ten male and female models that live in beachfront property while tackling the fashion world. There will be no confessionals or stories told by the characters, but will be viewed through the probing work of cameras. Just like *Laguna Beach*, the show will feature real lives, but look and feel like a scripted drama.

Season three of *Laguna* will feature a whole new crew of seniors and juniors of the Orange County. You can watch the trailer for season three and *The Hills* at mtv.com. Till next year, *Laguna* fans will have to resort to the season one DVD and reruns.

Natalie Coccia is a junior media art major with a PR minor.



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Q & A with one lucky sophomore

Titan Eye Candy

Amanda Hauger takes us inside the world of a student worth looking up to

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Trekking through the halls of Browne for only the third time ever, I finally locate Tracy Harmon's room.

The color green is everywhere, showcasing her Irish background, and she is sporadically cleaning as we listen to "Smashing Pumpkins" on her play list. I point out the misplaced guitar leaning up against the wall and she tells me that it used to be her father's and she's teaching herself to play.

"It's hard to teach yourself. So far I've got down stringing and tuning and I can play five different notes," Tracy said.

I learn that she is a sophomore from Pittsburgh and a double major in elementary education and theater. Tracy graduated as valedictorian from Penn Hills high school and has a fetish for jewelry. One of the reasons she was chosen for this interview was because at last month's Fireside Chat, Tracy questioned President Williamson about why she was denied her on-campus job this year.

"I lost my work study job," Tracy explained. "I was told I was no longer able to have that type of financial aid. They kept telling me to get rid of one of my loans (which I use to pay for books) but I'm helping to support my family. It's been a rough year."

Tracy's mother died the summer before she came to college, and she must help to support her younger brother and sister.

"I work at Cedar Point in the summer, so I don't get to see my family often because it's really expensive for them to visit. I don't get a lot of visitors up here either, because my dad is always working," she said.

Tracy is involved in dance theater, chapel drama and Alpha Psi Omega, the theater fraternity on campus. She is still fulfilling her work study job, working the lighting for the Celebrity Series performances, but now merely as a volunteer.

One of the reasons she continues to do this, is because of her love for the theater, which began at an early age.

Her mother introduced her to theater when she was just a child. Losing her mother has been a tough ordeal.

"The times it hits me the most are right before we open a show," Tracy said. "I know she would've been there to see it."

Although she cannot share these types of experiences with her mother anymore, she continues pursuing her goal of one day performing onstage in New York City.

"I keep doing theater because I love it," she said. "And I love it because of her."

Tracy is pursuing her goal of theater persistently. Last April, she was able to meet Ben Vereen, a popular Broadway performer and Tracy's idol, after his Celebrity Series performance on campus.

"He never even heard me sing or saw me perform onstage," Tracy said. "But after I met him, he offered to pay the $3,000 dollar cost to send me to Florida for a three week theater project at the University of Southern Florida in July. It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life."

While in Florida, Tracy spent the weeks acting, dancing, singing and striving to perfect her craft. She was able to meet big time performers like Patrick Wilson (Raoul from the movie *The Phantom of the Opera*.)

Although she does theatrical work both on and off the stage, she'd rather be in the spotlight.

"I prefer to be onstage because it puts you in another reality," Tracy said.

"You can be anyone, anywhere, at anytime. You can leave everything for awhile and you get to take people with you. I can't get a feeling like that from anywhere else."

After college, Tracy wishes to pursue a Master's degree in theater.

Until then, you can find her eating M & M's and preparing to attend the American College Theater Festival in January, where she will compete for scholarships up to $1,000 dollars. We wish her the best of luck and here's hoping that she'll get the work study situation resolved.

Each week, Titan Eye Candy spotlights a student who has done something unique or survived a serious crisis in his or her life.

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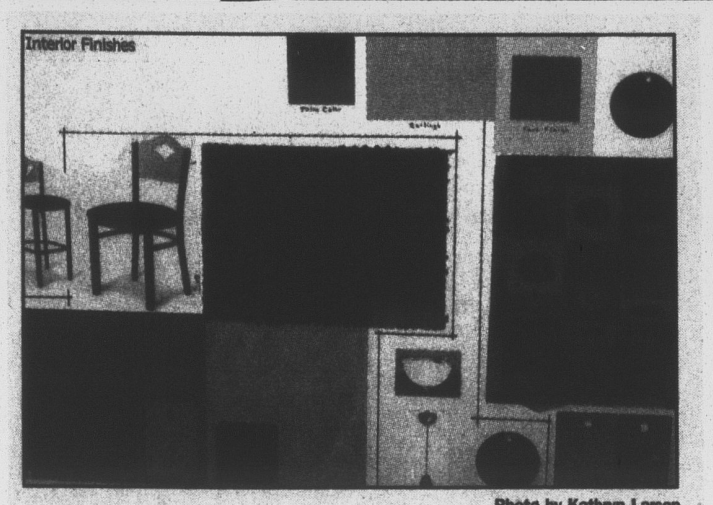

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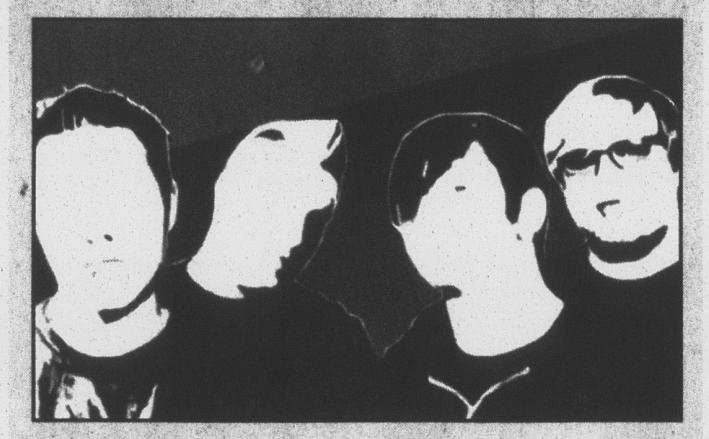

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Campus statistic of the week

Number of Westminster Apple Computers

Source: Information Systems

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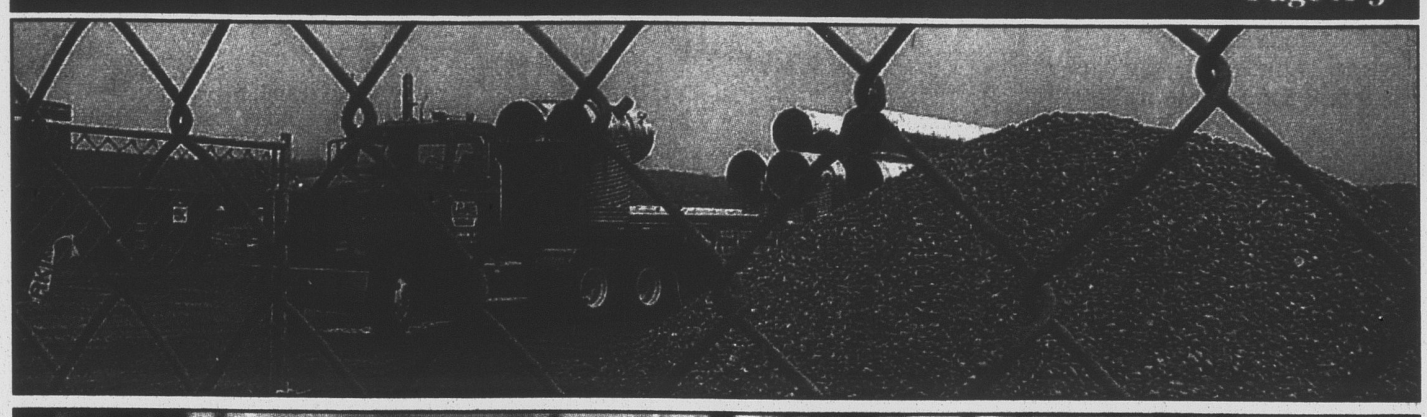

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Students head to Mississippi, see page A-6

Feeling the effects of the FAFSA cuts

By Alex Hines
Campus writer

30 thousand is large number to fathom.

Unfortunately, the students here on campus have to think about it a lot, as that's the number of dollars they must pay to attend this school each year.

That amount is daunting for anyone to pay annually, and it may now be even harder to take out the required money each year.

The federal government has recently proposed cutting the amount of funding it plans to allocate to the FAFSA program, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This program is provided by the U.S. government, and for many students it is the key to receiving the funds required to attend college. The FAFSA program allows students to apply for financial aid from sources available through the U.S. Department of Education.

These funds fit into a few different categories. The first are grants. There are two main grants available through the FAFSA, according to the homepage of the Department of Education. The first and probably most well-known is the Federal Pell Grant. There are also Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants. These are awards that do not have to be repaid, and are available to undergraduates only.

There are also different loans available through the federal government. These include the Federal Stafford Loans, the Federal PLUS Loans and the Perkins Loans. All of these loans must be repaid, and they also accrue interest of up to nine percent.

In addition, there are Federal Work Study programs and other campus-based programs from which students can receive aid.

According to Bob Latta, director of financial aid, $15 billion stand to be cut from the federal budget if congress passes the measures. The House, however, tabled the issue about two and a half weeks ago for further discussion.

However, Latta predicts that the losses will not have an immediately visible effect on the college as a whole.

"If [the passage of the cuts] happens, in the long run, interest and other costs will cover the difference," Latta said.

An estimated 80 percent of students currently attending the college receive federal aid, and upwards of ninety percent receive aid from the college.

Sororities getting down & dirty for rush

By Amanda Hauger
Staff writer

With formal recruitment less than a semester away, the women of all five sororities have established a set of guidelines for acceptable recruitment behavior.

A few weeks ago, sorority members received the Westminster Panhellenic Code of Ethics, which states the rules for the proper recruitment procedures that all members must follow. Jennifer Ramsey, director of recruitment, wanted to establish these rules early in order for everyone to be prepared.

"All of the sororities need some guidelines to abide by, especially during recruitment," Ramsey said.

"Everyone needs to know what is and what is not acceptable."

Before this code of ethics was established, there were no real guidelines for the sororities to follow.

"We didn't have any real rules or regulations concerning recruitment before this, so it took a while to finish," Ramsey said. "All five sororities had input as to what was fair or not and what the Code of Ethics should include."

Some things the Code states as unacceptable actions are: pressuring women to join a sorority, giving gifts to non-members and promising a bid to a sorority or an invitation to a recruitment party. It also states that sorority members will respect all women throughout the recruitment process, serve as positive role models and respect all other Greek organizations.

Already this semester, two sororities have had recruitment violations charged against them.

Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs, says these violations make the entire Greek system look bad and that all violations of the rules will result in some type of action.

"There really is nothing set in stone, but Panhel usually recommends that the sorority which violated the rules participate in some type of positive program," Hawthorne said. "A monetary fine normally offsets any expenses incurred for the program."

Ramsey says anyone who feels they are a victim of a recruitment violation should speak up.

"They need to contact their recruitment counselor right away," Ramsey said, "We will be able to handle matters from there." Ramsey explains why this is necessary, "It's important for them to know that they will not be discriminated against by other sorority women for bringing a violation to my attention. If something is wrong, we want to know so we can fix it."

Hawthorne adds the importance of freshman women knowing proper recruitment procedure.

"One member cannot speak for the entire group," Hawthorne said. "This is why the sororities have open houses-so they can get to know everyone. One person wouldn't be able to get you into the group."

Although violations have already occurred, Ramsey says these regulations serve as a foresight for formal recruitment week, held Jan. 17-20. "We are taking precautions so everyone feels comfortable," Ramsey said, "and that recruitment is fair to all of the sororities and the freshman women as well."

All freshman women are reminded that they are only allowed in the lobby of Ferguson.

opinions/editorials

Rant & Rave

Is flasher season over?

Those four RV guys rock!!

To the vain people on campus: I am glad you love you cause no one else does!

Why does this school hate me so much? *tear*

Build a Bar!

Is it time for a movie night, yet?

Boys are dumb.

I love the info desk worker on Tuesday nights 6-10.

More Sudoko Please!

You're really weird.

I saw a security guard guarding food at Celebrity Series last night.

Making campus smoke free would incite a riot.

Why is my advisor such a deadbeat?

Remind me to never take a 7:40 again.

Some people are squirrel-handed

And then their shoes broke and they immediately stopped dancing.

Put my earmuffs on the cookie.

Christmas music should not be played until after Thanksgiving.

People really shouldn't stare inside the Rant & Rave box!

'Tis the season of the argyle sweater.

I said by November I'd forget your memories.

Get out of my life, cold.

After 21, it's all downhill.

Ugg boots = UGGly

You've got to come original.

I only wanna be with you.

$9.00 for one meal? Ouch.

"Let's plug Old Faithful"

Bryan questions semester end and grates on Galbreath's raw sewage problem

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

School is winding down for the semester. Of course, "winding down" is a relative term, since we all seem to find ourselves swamped with work, projects, capstones and presentations. Basically, everything that has been building up for the past couple of months is exploding right now. Now that I think about it, "winding down" doesn't really describe it at all. My bad.

It's a mad rush of due dates, test preparations, readings, and forms that need filled out. It's full of stress as we worry what our final grades will be in the class. We also have a plethora of people in our lives. We have friends who are willing to lend their support, people we don't know making loud, bizarre noises in McKelvey, school administrators rushing to make sure the paperwork is all in order for next semester and professors who have nothing but confidence that we should be able to get everything done by the assigned time.

It's chaos, pure and simple. Oh, by the way, plethora is the word of the day. I like it a lot.

However, through it all, I have one thought to keep me going. I wasn't going to write about it originally. I thought it wasn't needed. I tied to put it out of my head, but it keeps coming back in random points in my day, nagging at me in the back of my head. I can't take it anymore. Here it is.

I freaking called it.

Galbreath Hall had the sewage problems again! Just when I thought that my predictions in a previous *Holcad* article were going to be false, that trusty pipe erupted in a glorious burst of things that I'm not going to write about. Unfortunately, since it happened right before Thanksgiving break, I didn't get much of a chance to investigate. All I know is that it happened, and that I called it. That brings me a ray of light in my chaos.

I know a lot of money has been donated for the Galbreath renovations, but I thought that was just for the dining hall. I really hope that one of their plans includes fixing that pipe once and for all. And I mean beyond putting a piece of wood over it and some traffic cones. This time when the pipe burst, both Galbreath and McKelvey didn't have water, which I know made feeding the students a bit difficult.

All I'm saying is that the two are connected. We have the money. Let's plug Old Faithful once and for all. Please?

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. He spends most of his spare time nursing an addiction to "Kool-Aid Jammers" and creating insane theories about dinosaurs. If you see him on campus, give him a cookie. This will please him, as well as shut him up until you can escape.

Campus and community gather for annual light-up night

Want to write a letter to the editor? Here are the rules.

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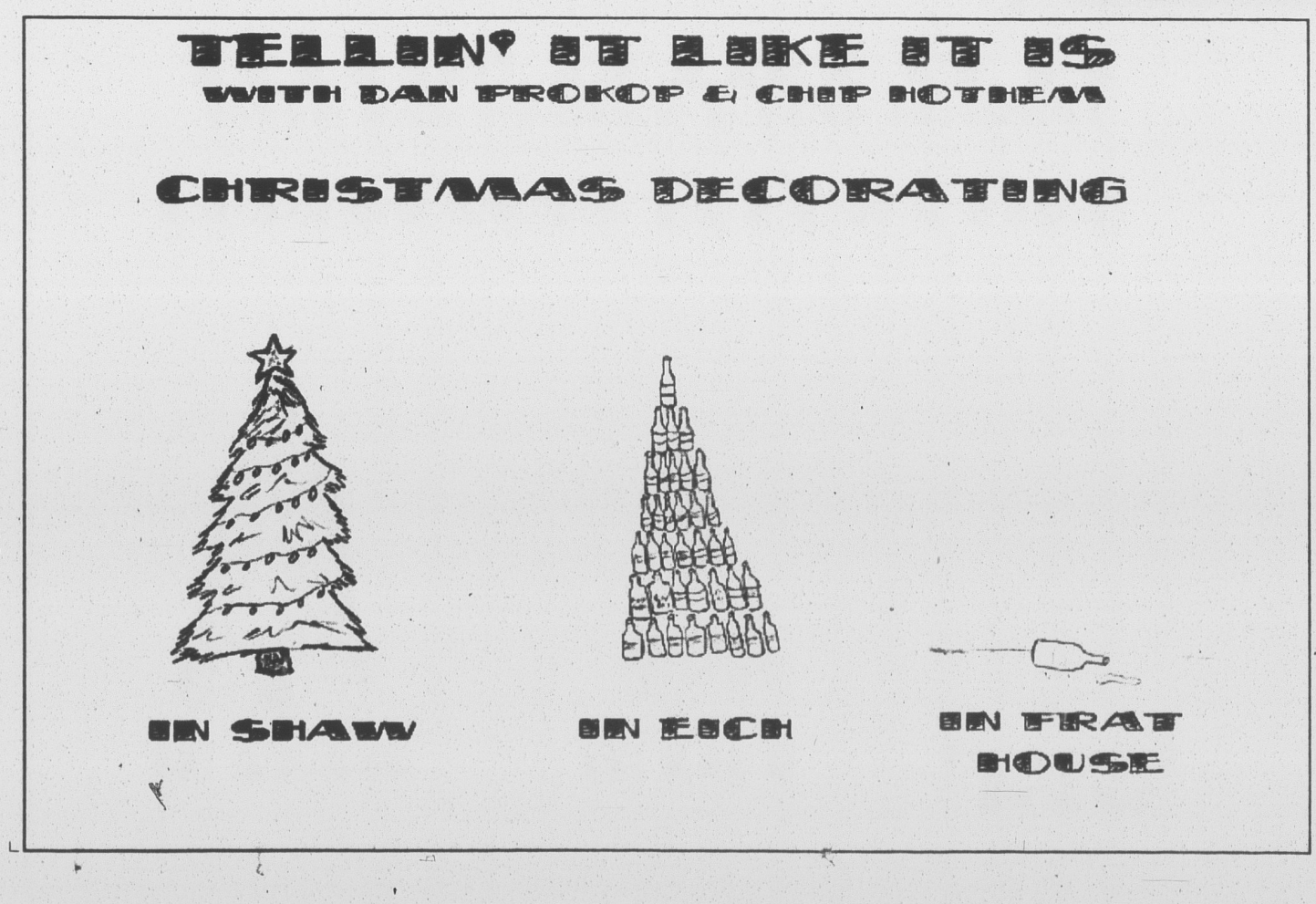

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Westminster Outside the Bubble

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Route 60 closed & homes evacuated

A fatal tanker truck crash along a stretch Route 60 in Neshannock Township forced drivers to spend much of Monday using detours. State Police closed the road in both directions. They say a tanker truck carrying liquefied oxygen crashed and burned early in the morning. Police say the truck driver killed in the crash may have fallen asleep at the wheel. Firefighters also evacuated nearby homes because of the threat the liquefied oxygen posed.

Deer season opens across Pennsylvania

Monday marks the beginning of the two-week rifle deer season in Pennsylvania. More than 900,000 hunters are expected to take part. State Game officials say there are fewer deer in the state this year…but there are still plenty of deer to shoot in the area. Hunters around the state are allowed one antlered deer or one antlerless deer per license. The season lasts until December 10th.

Steady holiday shopping reported in Volant

National retailers say Black Friday sales were better this year—and many local stores report the same including specialty shops in Volant. But one Volant shop owner remains cautious.

The Kitchen Shoppe owner Amanda Stanek says that despite their successful start to the holiday shopping season, she still has to worry about losing her customers to bigger chain stores. Stanek says she and other small store owners have to be creative when promoting their products and services. Volant's Merchant Association tries to brand the town's shopping experience with special event. Stanek says it appears to counter the big box store marketing tactics and brings visitors and shoppers in to Volant.

Weaver's WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1). What was a tanker truck carrying along State Route 60 in Neshannock Township Wednesday morning when it crashed and burned?
A). hydrogen peroxide
B). liquid oxygen
C). fertilizer
D). milk
E). liquid nitrogen

2). How many hunters did the Pennsylvania Game Commission say will take to the woods for the deer hunting season currently underway?
A). 3.1 million
B). 2.5 million
C). 1.5 million
D). 500 ,000
E). 900, 000

3). Identify the season that officially ends this week?
A). Pennsylvania's deer hunting season.
B). The Atlantic hurricane season.
C). The regular Pennsylvania high school football season.
D). The holiday shopping season.
E). Pennsylvania's Elk hunting season.

4). Identify Westminster's women's basketball coach.
A). Roseann Scott
B). Jeff Hand
C). Larry Ondako
D). Carmen Nocera
E). Jan Reddinger

5). Identify the children's author and Pennsylvania resident who passed away this week.
A). Theodor Seuss Geisel
B). Stan Berenstain
C). E.B. White
D). Lewis Carroll
E). Paul Zindel

6). Identify the team the Lady Titans face in basketball Friday night?
A). Case Western Reserve
B). Bethany College
C). Manchester
D). Waynesburg
E). Grove City

7). Identify the Mercer County high school football team scheduled to play South Park at 1 p.m. Saturday at Seneca Valley in a PIAA Class AA semifinal with a trip to Hershey and a spot in the PIAA title game on the line.
A). Reynolds
B). Grove City
C). Farrell
D). Sharon
E). Wilmington

1.) B 2.) E 3.) B 4.) A 5.) B 6.) B 7.) A

Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations instructor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with dubious current event quizzes.

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Regional

Man hit by SUV mistaken for a deer

Dead man mistaken for deer

FRANKLIN, Pa. (AP) - A man whose body was apparently mistaken for a dead deer had walked away from a car accident before he was struck by another vehicle and killed, state police said.

The body of Jason Knight, 32, of Franklin, was found Monday morning by a motorist who at first thought Knight was a dead deer. Knight was wearing tan clothes and some snow obscured part of his body, but the motorist realized he wasn't a deer after noticing Knight's shoes, police said.

Police said Knight was a passenger in a vehicle that crashed Friday evening along the same highway, Route 157, near Fryburg in neighboring Clarion County.

Police said Knight left that accident scene and was walking along the road when he was struck by another vehicle and killed, but they were not sure when that happened. Police were looking for a Jeep Cherokee because pieces of one were found near Knight's body.

Regional

Museum gives visitors a holiday to remember

Christmas in Paradise

PARADISE, Pa. (AP) - For 20 years, Jim Morrison worked as an architect, restoring homes and buildings _ lost America, as he calls it. Now, Morrison, 67, operates a museum that's a tribute to the Christmases of yesteryear, a sampler of the best the holiday has to offer.

The National Christmas Center in Paradise is the accumulation of everything Morrison has done to preserve pieces of the past, hold onto traditions and pass along the spirit of the season. Ever since he bought his first Christmas decoration in Woolworth's at age 7, Morrison has been fascinated with the holiday.

Some people dream of creating a family, earning enough to invest a little something in the stock market. But for the past 35 years, a Christmas center has been Morrison's dream. "I wouldn't have been able to do this and have a family."

He doesn't know how much money he has sunk into his collections _ nor does he want to think about it. "This is everything I have, and there's no dollar value you can put on it," he said. "It's not dollars, it's memories. There are a lot of little things that to me are just priceless."

For seven years, Morrison has shared his priceless collection of all things Christmas with anyone interested in seeing it.

"There's really no other day like (Christmas) _ and it has nothing to do with your economic situation."

He recalls growing up in New Jersey and rushing downtown to see the shopkeepers' holiday window displays, which were never unveiled before Black Friday. He remembers the first time he realized the real message in a story his mother told of how, each Christmas, she'd get a sweet orange and a penny to spend.

"I thought she was saying what she didn't have; that I had so much," he said. "But what she was saying was that, once a year, at Christmas, she could go to the store and get something she couldn't any other time. It was so precious to her."

Precious is just one of the many words visitors to Morrison's holiday fantasyland use to describe their experience. Some leave in tears of nostalgia or emotion. Others find their faith renewed, their spirits higher than before.

National

Americans mourn the death of beloved children's writer

Stan Berenstain Passes

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Stan Berenstain, who with his wife created the popular children's books about a loving furry family called the Berenstain Bears, died Saturday. He was 82.

In more than 200 books, the Berenstain Bears, written and illustrated by Stan and Jan Berenstain, helped children for 40 years cope with trips to the dentist, new babies in the family, eating junk food and cleaning their messy rooms.

The first Berenstain Bears book, "The Big Honey Hunt," was published in 1962. The couple developed the series with children's author Theodor Geisel _ better known as Dr. Seuss, then head of children's publishing at Random House.

Stan and Jan Berenstain began drawing together when they met at Philadelphia Museum School of Industrial Art in 1941. The two married soon after he got out of World War II-era Army service and began submitting cartoons to magazines. They became contributors to The Saturday Evening Post, McCall's and Collier's.

The characters are the subject of their own public television program, DVDs and a Christmas musical.

In addition to his wife, Berenstain is survived by their two sons, Leo and Michael, who had joined the couple at writing and illustrating.

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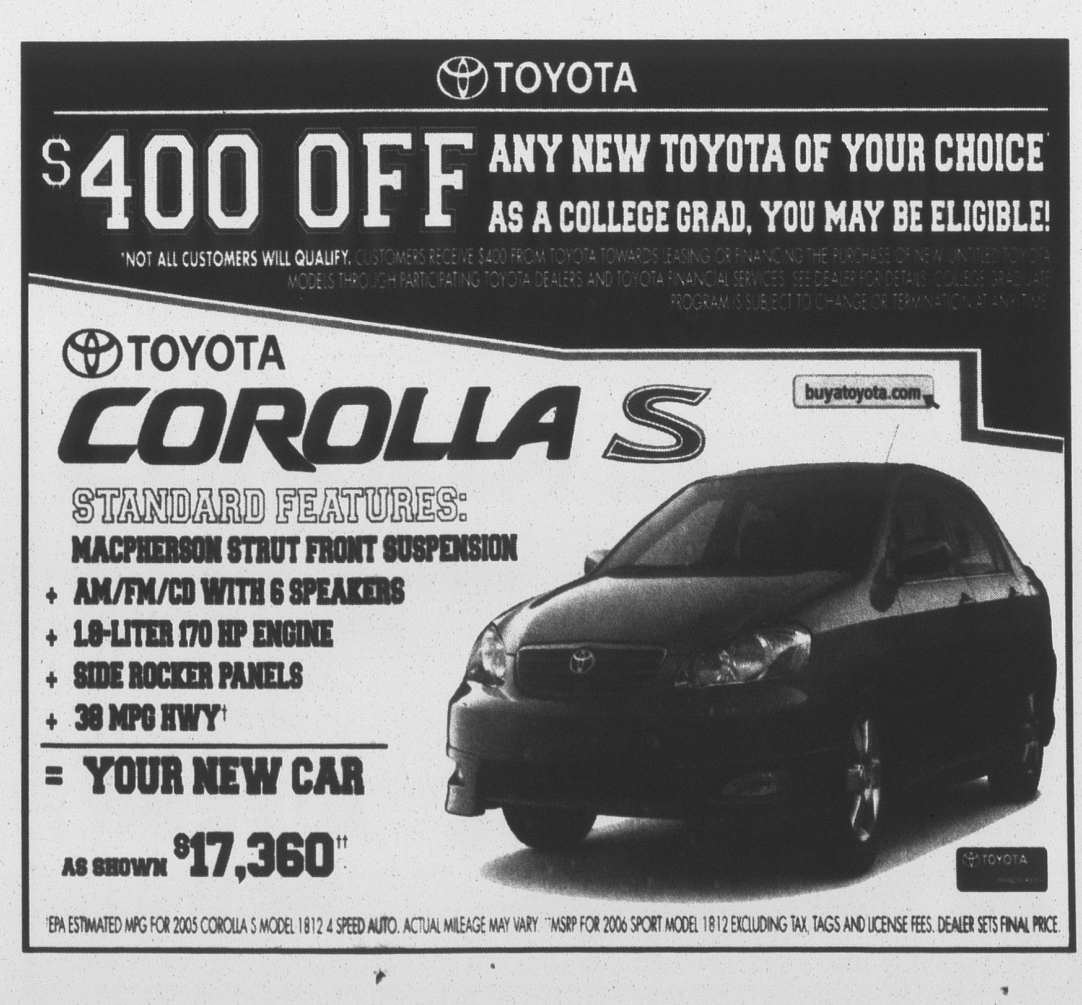

Campus News

No Mac world

"It would be a tremendous undertaking, and that's assuming that people would be responsible for their own computers," Fleming said.

College stands by Windows, cites lack of staff for lack of support

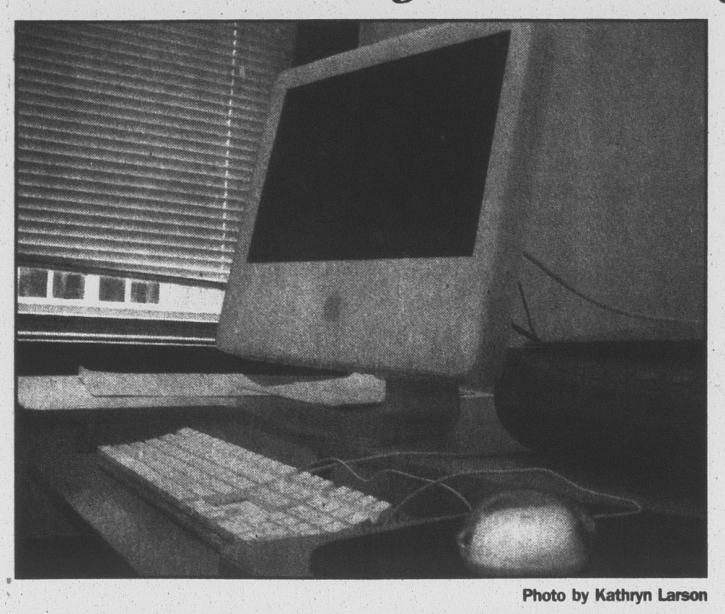

Photo by Kathryn Larson

This iMac G5 sits all alone in the Thompson Clark graphics lab. The room is locked most of the time, making it difficult for students to use it. Macs are most well known for their prevalence in the desktop publishing and graphics markets, but have recently gained acclaim among college students because of the smoothness of the system and lack of viruses.

By Winnie Limmer
Campus writer

The college has long been nonsupporting of students bringing Apple computers to campus.

According to Stanton Fleming, coordinator of user and desktop services for the Information Systems department, Apple computers have different problems than Microsoft Windows-based computers. Because of the extreme differences between Windows and Mac OS X, Apple's operating system, Information Systems would need to hire new or extensively train current staff in order to fully support students using Apple computers.

"We simply don't have the appropriate staffing [to support] Apple computers," Fleming said.

Though the college does not currently support Apple computers, the issue is constantly being reevaluated by Information Systems. According to Fleming, there is ongoing discussion of this issue and others like it. The college may decide to support Apple computers; however, this is at least 5 to 10 years from becoming a reality.

"It would be a tremendous undertaking, and that's assuming that people would be responsible for their own computers," Fleming said. "Let's just say we're still talking about it."

Despite the College's lack of support, some student Apple users still manage to connect and use basic network services.

"Each year, Information Systems tries to set up increasingly elaborate restrictions and registration policies, but I've always found a way around them," a student Apple user said. "It seems to me that Information Systems is making these procedures more complicated than they need to be."

Junior Colin Dean, a computer science major and student technician, believes that the requirements for registration mandated by Information Systems are needed.

"An important task of an administrator of any network, no matter the size, is to know what is on their network," Dean said. "I freaked out over the summer when I saw show up on my home network a computer that I did recognize, not realizing that it was a computer I had just purchased."

According to Fleming, one of the reasons that the College does not currently support Apple computers is the nature of the technology industry. However, Dean cites this as reason to support Apple computers.

"Apples have made a serious comeback in the past three or four years and Information Systems should work to accommodate the growing number of students who find the whole 'Windows experience' less than desirable," Dean said.

According to enthusiast website MacNewsWorld, Apple is making significant gains in the worldwide market share, but especially in the higher education market. Apple's share of the college market was 14 percent last year, compared to between four and five percent in the broader market. Apple is doing particularly well in the educational laptop market, their share of which rose to 27 percent late last year.

Online registration not foreseen in future

College prefers quality over quantity

By Lindsay Townsend
Campus writer

Although some students are frustrated with the registration process, there is a reason why the college registers its students manually rather than electronically. When a student is closed out of all of his/her classes, the advisors and the people at the terminals can help you to find other optional classes. If there were online registration, then there wouldn't be an experienced person by your side helping you pick out these classes.

According to Dean Mann, the idea of online registration isn't completely out of the question. He believes that for pre-registered classes, such as student teaching, there could be of some usage of online registration.

"If we did a little more pre-registration, the advisors and the faculty would be making decisions about who is in these classes," he said. "I'm wondering if we can do some of that pre-registration online."

Many first-year students experienced their first class registration. More than several were upset, having the last pick of classes. Student Colleen Lataille was one of those people.

"I had my classes picked out and even had extra alternatives aside from the regular ones." She said. "I ended up getting classes I wanted the least," she said.

Tamara Scherer, unlike most first-years, didn't have any difficulties while scheduling for classes.

"I didn't encounter any problems when registering for the spring, however, I wanted to take some other popular classes for my IPs," she said. "I just decided it would be best to stick to my major this semester."

It isn't uncommon for many first-year students to come out of the Witherspoon Rooms looking glum and upset. The order of registering depends on the student's credits that he/she has. However, there are some cases in which a first-year will have more credits than a sophomore due to the AP credits that he/she received in high school.

"Sometimes people have been here three years, but they don't have enough credits, or sometimes they've been here and have a bunch of extra credits and register before everyone else," Dean Mann said.

Tips the Dean has for students when doing any sort of class registration: Work with your advisor about your classes, read Mrs. Hammer's emails, check for closed classes online, have your card ready and filled out.

- Washington & Jefferson -
Full Online Registraton

-Allegheny -
Full Online Registration

- Thomas More -
Full Online Registration

- Grove City -
Full Online Registration

- Theil -
Not online at present, but Spring 2007 semester, everything will be online

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Diversity for your stomach

Potluck party showcases exotic dishes

By Nawal Rajeh
Staff writer

It may be true that New Wilmington has most likely never been a paradise of cultures, a small global village, but that doesn't mean that it cannot celebrate the beautiful cultures of the world.

Last year, Westminster got a taste of the world at the International Potluck. International students, faculty, and others prepared dishes from their ethnic background and shared it with the campus community. The event was sponsored by W.I.S.H. (Westminster International Students Hospitality).

"We [W.I.S.H.] had talked about it all year but it was really Sandy Edmiston who pulled it all together quickly and efficiently" said Beth Brooks.

Last year's potluck was packed with students and faculty as well as with food. Germany, Peru, Ireland, Lebanon, Korea, Serbia, as well as Denmark were all represented with dishes.

"What I remember most is the delight on people's faces as they went down the line…there was such a spirit of joy in the room," said Brooks.

This year, the new tradition continues in what has been dubbed "Celebration," because that is precisely what it is; a celebration of the cultures of the world. Dishes will be prepared from a variety of places. There will be European, Latin American, Middle Eastern and even some soul food options.

On top of that there will be other events and entertainment going on throughout the evening, such as cultural dance, crafts, and music. Different groups from campus are participating with educational booths and individuals from the campus community and from outside the community will be sharing their culture and talents.

Junior intercultural studies and international politics major Kylie Gallagher helped spearhead the event this fall. She thought the idea was so good last year that it should continue, and even be expanded.

"I loved Sandy's idea of an international food event last year, and since it was so well received I started to think that maybe we could make it bigger and add more things to it so more students could participate and be involved," said Gallagher. "Not everyone can cook, but everyone has a talent, that's why I thought this event should include entertainment as well.

"I think we owe it to Sandy to continue what she started. This campus deserves to celebrate on a cultural level and acknowledge that we are a part of something bigger than just New Wilmington… we are a part of the international world and Celebration is a perfect way to celebrate it," said Gallagher.

"I think [Celebration] is very important for a multitude of reasons, one being that it gives us the opportunity as a campus community to not only appreciate diversity, but to experience it first hand," said Jeannette Hooks, director of Diversity Services.

The festivities will take place Wednesday, December 7 beginning at 5 p.m. in the Club room. Students interested in bringing a dish to this event should contact Jeannette Hooks by Monday, December 5.

Next *Top* Male Model

By Alysa Wright
Campus writer

Or maybe the question on everyone's minds is what is "Westminster's Next Top Male Model?"

Thursday, December 8th at 8:00 p.m. in the Witherspoon Rooms, Kappa Delta Sorority will hold an event to raise money for Prevent Child Abuse America and Big Brothers Big Sisters, two of their philanthropies. It is part of their annual "Shamrock Event," and this year, they decided to try something new.

The event is a modeling competition in which independents, Greek representatives and a special faculty representative will strut their stuff for the campus. Modeled after the popular reality TV show "America's Next Top Model," the event will include a photo competition, formal wear portion and casual wear portion. The twist is that instead of females, there will be male models.

"We are very excited to start a new tradition involving all of the Greek organizations and independents, as well as the staff of our college," Kappa Delta's Shamrock Chair Devin Smith said. "We are excited to have President Williamson modeling as well!"

According to the sisters, the event will have something for everyone.

"Even if you are not in a sorority or fraternity, it should be very entertaining," Vice President of Public Relations Amy Gregg said. "It will be a good way to relax and escape the stress of finals for a little while."

Tickets for the event will be on sale in the TUB next week from 11a.m.-1p.m. and 5-7p.m. The cost is $2 if bought ahead of time and $3 at the door. Cost includes admission to the event and dessert. But make sure to have some dollar bills handy, because the winner, or "Westminster's Next Top Male Model," will be decided by the amount of donations he receives.

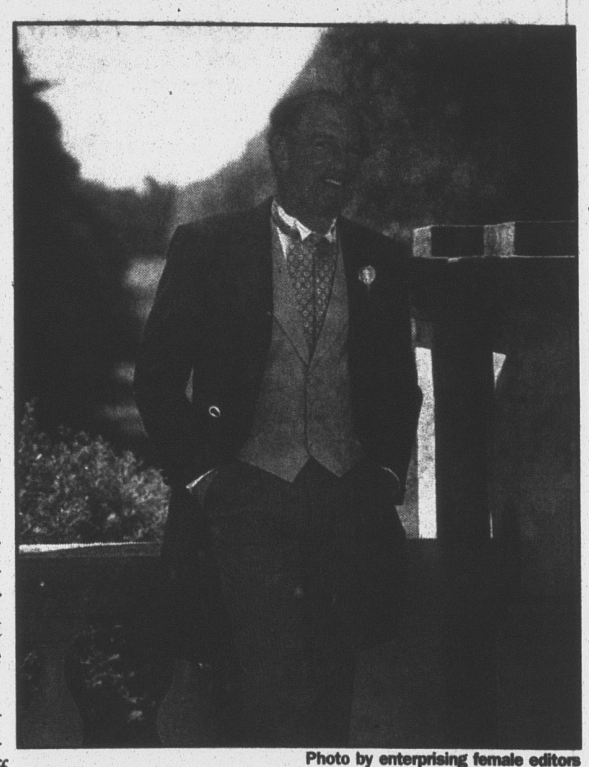

Photo by enterprising female editors

President R.T. Williamson in an undated photo. Williamson will be appearing in the competition.

"Not only is our shamrock going to be a good time, but the proceeds also go toward two great causes," sophomore Kappa Delta Mandi Lambert said. "Plus there are some really attractive models participating."

Along with the title "Westminster's Next Top Male Model," the winning model will receive a t-shirt and gift certificates.

According to the sisters, Kappa Delta has held numerous concerts and on campus events in the past for their "Shamrock." They decided to do something involving other Greeks, independents and staff in order to create a signature event. If the event goes as planned, it is likely that they will continue it as an annual affair.

More news from around the campus

McGinness renovations on schedule

By Katie Pride
Campus writer

Provided that everything goes as planned, the McGinness Dining Hall will be shut down in early December for remodeling.

Those in charge are anticipating that the renovations will be completed by the time the students return to campus in January. According to Ken Romig who works in the Business Office, the plan is to create a dining atmosphere that has the feel of a restaurant. Students can look forward to the removal of the diving wall and the addition of booths, bar height tables and chairs. Traditional tables will still be available, like those currently located in Duff Dining Hall. These tables will be mobile so students can rearrange them as needed.

"I'm really excited about this," senior Bill Penwell said. "It is going to be a great addition to campus."

The entrance into Duff Dining Hall will be closed once the renovations are completed. Instead of entering through Galbreath Hall or its parking lot, students will instead enter through the doors located near Browne Hall. The intent is to create a more attractive entrance than the one currently in use.

"I live in Galbreath and I'm not excited about having to walk outside to get into the dining hall," sophomore Amy Schillinger said, "but other than that, I'm really looking forward to the change."

Even though the Duff dining hall entrance will be closed, the hall itself will remain open to provide overflow seating. To help create the atmosphere of a restaurant, McGinness was chosen to be remodeled, even though Duff has a larger capacity. McGinness holds approximately 155 people according to Romig.

However, it is not just McGinness that is getting a makeover. Students will also notice a change in where the food is served. The goal is to have all of the food served in one main section. In addition, a hoagie line will be added to the serving area similar to the one in the TUB.

"I'm really excited about the sub line," sophomore Suzie Difonzo said. "Now if I want a sub for dinner I can just go there, because everything else is already included in the price."

With the remodeling of McGinness and the promise of a better atmosphere, the hope is that students will not only come for a meal but also use the dining hall as a place to do their work. According to Romig, it is too difficult at this time to predict how student dining patterns might change. There is, however, a chance McGinness might help relieve some of the pressure in the TUB.

Creveling discusses the different phases of construction

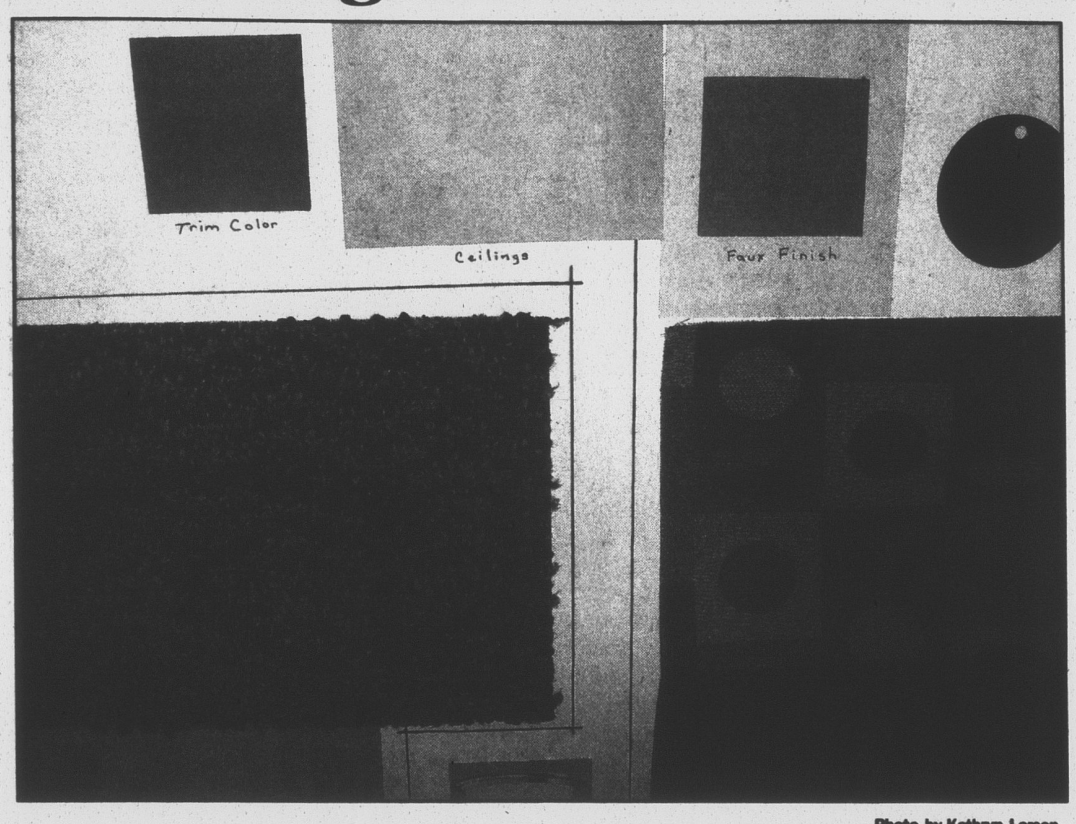

Photo by Kathryn Larson

The new plans include Perkins-style seating with tan and burgandy color scheme. Hopefully all efforts will be finished after Christmas.

By Natalie Coccia
Staff writer

A campus-wide email was sent last Tuesday reminding students that phase one of Galbreath Dining Room will begin on December 5.

The McGinness side of the hall will remain closed throughout the renovation. The doors located in the upper-deck parking lot of Galbreath will become the primary entrance.

Phase one of the renovation spans Dec. 5 to Dec. 9. During this time, workers will empty out the McGinness side of the dining hall. The contractor will begin demolition Dec. 12. They will seal off Duff in order to keep dust and dirt from entering the kitchen or dining areas.

Major demolition, such as the removing of tiles, will take place during Christmas break in order to abate asbestos.

Major reconstruction of McGinness will include the removal of the wall separating the international food and salad bars from the dining space.

The Duff side of the dining hall will serve as the primary cafeteria during construction. Food Service General Manager, Jeff Creveling, plans to organize the space similar to dining arrangements two years ago when McGinness was not in use.

The plan is to move the salad bar, desert case, ice cream machine, pizza bar, and feature bar to the Duff side in order to provide almost the same variety. The only missing exhibition will be the international food bar.

"It [the new dining hall] should be opened when students return from Christmas break if all goes well," Jeff Creveling said.

The Duff side of the dining hall will serve strictly for overflow seating or used during summer camps after renovations are complete.

"It [the new dining hall] should be opened when students return from Christmas break, if all goes well."
Jeff Creveling, food service general manager

There are no present plans to renovate the Duff side of the cafeteria.

Floor plans, carpet samples, and drawings of planned seating arrangements and food bars are located in Duff.

The plans seem to include a Perkins-style seating arrangement with tan and burgundy as the primary color scheme. Students will hopefully return to Westminster with a brand new dining experience after Christmas break.

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Berlin Village

New townhouse name, design more concrete

By Jolene Slattery
Campus writer

Berlin Village. No, it's not in Germany. It is, in fact, much closer than that.

Berlin Village was chosen as the name of the new townhouse complex. George Berlin, a trustee of the college and parent of a Westminster graduate, was a major benefactor for the project.

When choosing the name, the committee bantered various options. Village was chosen because it denotes a sense of community. The townhouse complex is purposely shaped in a quadrangle with a common courtyard. The buildings have back porches that can be used for cookouts or visiting with neighbors.

"It's more like living on a block or in a community," said Molly Mistretta, associate dean of student affairs. "It's more neighborhood-like."

In this first phase of construction, three units are being built. Depending on the success of the project, there is space to add two more buildings sometime in the future.

The buildings do not have individual names to distinguish them within the village. "It might be a good thing to have," said Neal Edman dean of student affairs. "Otherwise, they'll just be distinguished by the apartment numbers."

Construction is proceeding close to schedule. Inclement weather has pushed things back slightly, but not enough to affect the opening date. Concrete slabs will be poured during the next two weeks. That can only be done if the ground is warm enough, so big ground-warming blankets are being used. As long as the temperature does not slip too much, the blankets will effectively keep the ground at a warm enough temperature.

July first is "the date." That is the opening day workers are aiming for. If things are still proceeding well in early May, senior tours of the new facility may be a possibility. "That's not something we're planning yet though. It will depend on how things are at that point," said Edman.

Policies for the Berlin Village are still being decided. Students and staff on the committee have looked at the policies of other schools with similar housing. At this point, the visitation policies will be the same as the dorms. The kitchen, living room, and other common areas will be treated as the dorm lounges and therefore be open to visitors 24/7.

"The townhouses impose a lot of responsibility and self-reliance," said Edman.

There will be one staff member living in the village. "They will be doing more administrative things than what the RA's do, helping people adjust to the new building, filing reports for things that break, and planning social events for the residents," said Mistretta.

On Tuesday, December 6, there will be an informational meeting for any students interested in living in the Berlin Village. Costs, policies, and selection will be among the things discussed.

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Campus News

Treading water with Mississippi

Several student volunteers head south for Thanksgiving to aid Katrina victims

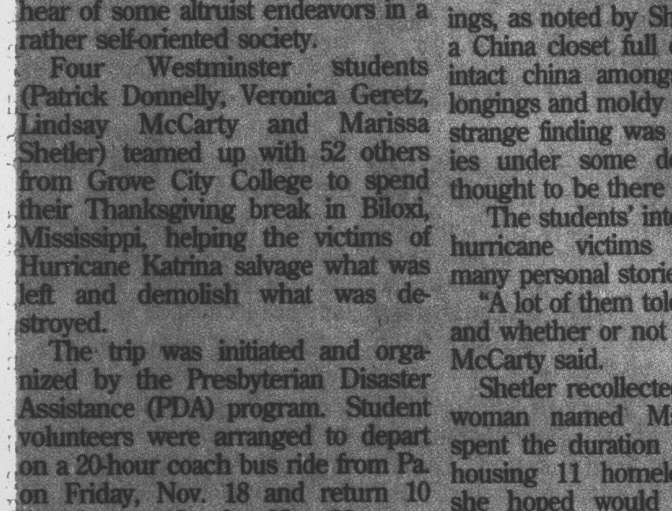
By Leanna Stitt
Staff writer

The average college student's Thanksgiving break consists of a) going home, b) eating more than conceivably possible, and c) spending time with those relatives only seen three times a year. Yet, some college students defied the annual norm of stuffing their mouths with turkey while watching gargantuan men chase after a football in the comfort of their own living room. Not that there's anything wrong with a conventional holiday celebration, but every once in awhile it's nice to hear of some altruist endeavors in a rather self-oriented society.

Four Westminster students (Patrick Donnelly, Veronica Geretz, Lindsay McCarty and Marissa Shetler) teamed up with 52 others from Grove City College to spend their Thanksgiving break in Biloxi, Mississippi, helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina salvage what was left and demolish what was destroyed.

The trip was initiated and organized by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) program. Student volunteers were arranged to depart on a 20-hour coach bus ride from Pa. on Friday, Nov. 18 and return 10 days later on Sunday, Nov. 28.

In general, their efforts included tearing down dry wall and gutting flooded homes of furniture and ruined belongings. Cleaning up debris from where the flooding had taken over proved to be somewhat difficult, as remnants of belongings long gone pervaded the streets and backyards of the run-down neighborhood where they were located.



There were some strange findings, as noted by Shetler who found a China closet full of complete and intact china amongst saturated belongings and moldy rubble. Another strange finding was a pan of brownies under some debris that were thought to be there since August.

The students' interaction with the hurricane victims led to hearing many personal stories of devastation.

"A lot of them told us their stories and whether or not they evacuated," McCarty said.

Shetler recollected a story from a woman named Ms. Francis who spent the duration of the aftermath housing 11 homeless men whom she hoped would assist her with reparations. The homeless men were housed in Ms. Francis' attic, but were forced to cut a hole in the roof to escape when the floodwater rose to the top floor of her home. Another story travels north in the experience of Ms. Angela who shared her nightmare of calling 911 during the hurricane and being told that she simply could and would not be assisted. Ms. Angela pursued survival by standing on her counter with her sister as floodwaters rose, and they awaited help.

Many victims informed the volunteers of the frustrations caused when they discovered their hurricane insurance would not cover any damage. Insurance companies claimed damage was due to flooding and not the hurricane, and in effect, victims realized that covering damage costs would be up to them.

In addition to the stories shared, food was also offered by the victims in abundance to the volunteer workers.

"It was really awesome how the people were so appreciative of what we did. They would offer us so much even though they had nothing," Shetler said.

A typical day for the volunteers consisted of relief efforts, hearing stories from the victims, eating lunch provided by the Salvation Army, more relief efforts and then a return to their sleeping areas in tents set up in the backyard of a church. Tents were furnished with cots and stocked with heaters to help them endure the frigid evenings. The outdoor showers consisted of a combination of makeshift plumbing and garbage bags serving as shower curtains (which certainly failed at their purpose of "coverage-control" when the wind picked up!)

"Basically, we were never inside," McCarty said. Even their time of worship and prayer in the evening took place in a large tent outdoors.

On Thanksgiving, community volunteers provided a complete turkey meal with all the fixings to this volunteer group and many other national relief effort workers in the area.

After a busy week spent immersed in Southern culture, the volunteer workers embarked for the trip home, which included a stop at the Hard Rock Café in Nashville. The experience left a significant impression upon the minds of the local volunteers and gave them much to be thankful for as they traveled north to Pennsylvania.

The photographs surrounding the article were taken and contributed by students who travelled to Miss. during break. The damage is everywhere. Below is a group picture.

Cheers!

Oxford & Abroad Journal logs

Pizza gives Thanksgving a saucy feeling

What better way to celebrate an American holiday than pizza? That's just how Westminster's Oxford crew celebrated Thanksgiving this year. The day began in Bury Knowle Park with a game of touch football. "Since we can't watch it, we might as well play it!" exclaimed Leigh Ann Reynolds, senior Public Relations major. Mud flew and the British stared as the foreign game was played. Fun was had by all. Afterward, students rushed home to prepare for class with Dr. James Perkins. After two gruelling hours of lecture with Big Jim, the group congregated in one of Pembroke College's common rooms. Jennie Wheeler, a senior English major, slaved over Shepherd's Pie to share with her displaced American comrades. "I hope everyone likes it!" she worried. Suddenly, a cell phone rang: Papa John had arrived with the main course. The students devoured eight pizzas decorated with several toppings. They also enjoyed cookies brought by Mrs. Jane Perkins and a cake made by sophomore Ashley Beaver. After everyone was as full as Thanksgiving dinner should make him or her, Mafia, a card game, was played. Victims included Alex Stubenbort, Michelle Mair and Laura Zorch. Death came twice for Daniel Milcarzyk and Carsen Nesbitt. Once the games were over, students went their separate ways. Some watched movies, others ate more, and still others headed for pubs. While these Westminster students didn't have a traditional Thanksgiving, they did the best they could to hold off homesickness and still have a great time.

By: Jessie Goldie, Katie Crompton, and Ashley Hatcher

"The students devoured eight pizzas decorated with several toppings. They also enjoyed cookies brought by Mrs. Jane Perkins."

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Friday						
	High 31	High 32	High 30	High 30	High 29	High 33
High	Low 20	Low 23	Low 20	Low 21	Low 19	Low 21
Clouds, some sun, a flurry	Cold with clouds and sun	Mostly cloudy with flurries	Some snow possible	Mostly cloudy, a flurry around	Clouds, sun, quite cold	Some sun

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:28 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Saturday	7:29 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Monday	7:31 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Tuesday	7:32 a.m.	4:53 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	8:55 a.m.	5:31 p.m.
Saturday	9:59 a.m.	6:38 p.m.
Sunday	10:53 a.m.	7:53 p.m.
Monday	11:35 a.m.	9:12 p.m.
Tuesday	12:09 p.m.	10:30 p.m.

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Weather History

The West was wintry, and the East was balmy on Dec. 2, 1982. Buffalo, N.Y., reached 66. Heavy snow fell in the West, from the central Rockies to the Upper Midwest.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
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Butler, PA	30	21	sf	32	21	pc	31	23	sf	30	19	sf	30	21	sf
Cambridge, OH	31	22	pc	33	25	pc	33	23	c	33	19	sn	30	20	c
Canton, OH	31	20	sf	31	22	pc	32	21	sf	31	20	sn	30	20	sf
Cincinnati, OH	36	23	pc	38	30	sn	37	24	sn	34	21	pc	32	20	sn
Clarion, PA	28	18	sf	29	21	sf	29	21	sf	28	20	sf	28	20	sf
Clarksburg, WV	30	20	sf	34	27	pc	35	26	sf	35	22	sn	35	23	sf
Cleveland, OH	30	22	sf	30	22	sf	32	24	sf	30	22	sn	31	22	sf
Columbus, OH	34	24	pc	36	24	pc	34	24	pc	34	20	pc	31	21	c
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Indiana, PA	33	22	sf	34	23	pc	35	26	sf	34	23	sf	32	24	sf
Jamestown, NY	26	19	sf	28	20	sf	27	21	sf	27	20	sf	28	20	sf
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Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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Titan swimmers ready for big weekend

By Steve Brink
Staff writer

The Westminster men's and women's swim teams are in action this weekend as both squads compete in the College of Wooster Invitational in Wooster, Ohio. Nine different schools will be competing at the Invitational, which starts Thursday and ends on Saturday.

Both the men's and women's teams have had successful seasons up to this point. The reigning PAC champion men's team enters this weekend unbeaten with a 3-0-1 record in dual meets. The only thing keeping the men's team from a perfect season to this point was a tie in their 1st dual meet of the year against Ashland.

"We didn't come to swim in that meet," said junior Lee Knight. "We got a reality check. They swam like champions and we couldn't match them. I think it was good motivation for us in the following dual meets."

Indeed it was. After the tie against Ashland, the Westminster men rolled off three straight victories at home. The Titans won dual meets against Allegheny, PAC rival Washington and Jefferson, and Wooster all in the span of a week.

The Lady Titans have done well too. Westminster comes into this weekend with a 3-1 mark, including three straight victories. The lone loss for the Lady Titans came in their opening dual meet of the 2005-06 season against Ashland.

Sophomore Steph Peters and junior Megan McLaughlin are out to fast starts this year. Both were named PAC swimmers of the week for the weeks of November 13th and November 20th respectively.

Both the men and women come into this weekend nationally ranked according to the latest NCAA Division III national rankings found at www.collegeswimming.com. The Lady Titans are ranked 17th, while the men are ranked 22nd.

While it's nice to be nationally ranked, Knight and his fellow teammates aren't too worried about the rankings just yet.

"It's definitely an honor to be recognized, but the real goal is to be ranked at the end of the year," said Knight. "We can't read too much into the rankings at this point, we just have to keep working hard."

Both men's and women's team will need all their hard work to pay off this weekend, as they gear up for the huge 9-team Invitational.

The men's team will be without Ryan Trunk for the final two days of the event. Trunk qualified to compete in the U.S. Open at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama over the weekend. Trunk, who is only the 2nd swimmer in Westminster history to qualify for the Open, will compete in the 100 meter freestyle event on Saturday.

"It's a great opportunity for Ryan to try and take our program to an even higher level," says Knight.

As far as this weekend is concerned, Knight says both teams will be focused and ready to go.

"I think the nerves are reserved more for the freshman swimmers. The upperclassmen have more experience in these type of meets. It's our job to keep the freshman calm so that everyone can swim at the highest level possible which we'll need to do to compete there."

After this weekend, the men's and women's teams will have one final home meet in 2005 when they host Slippery Rock on Friday, December 9th at 6:00 pm.

Lady Titan B-Ball season preview...

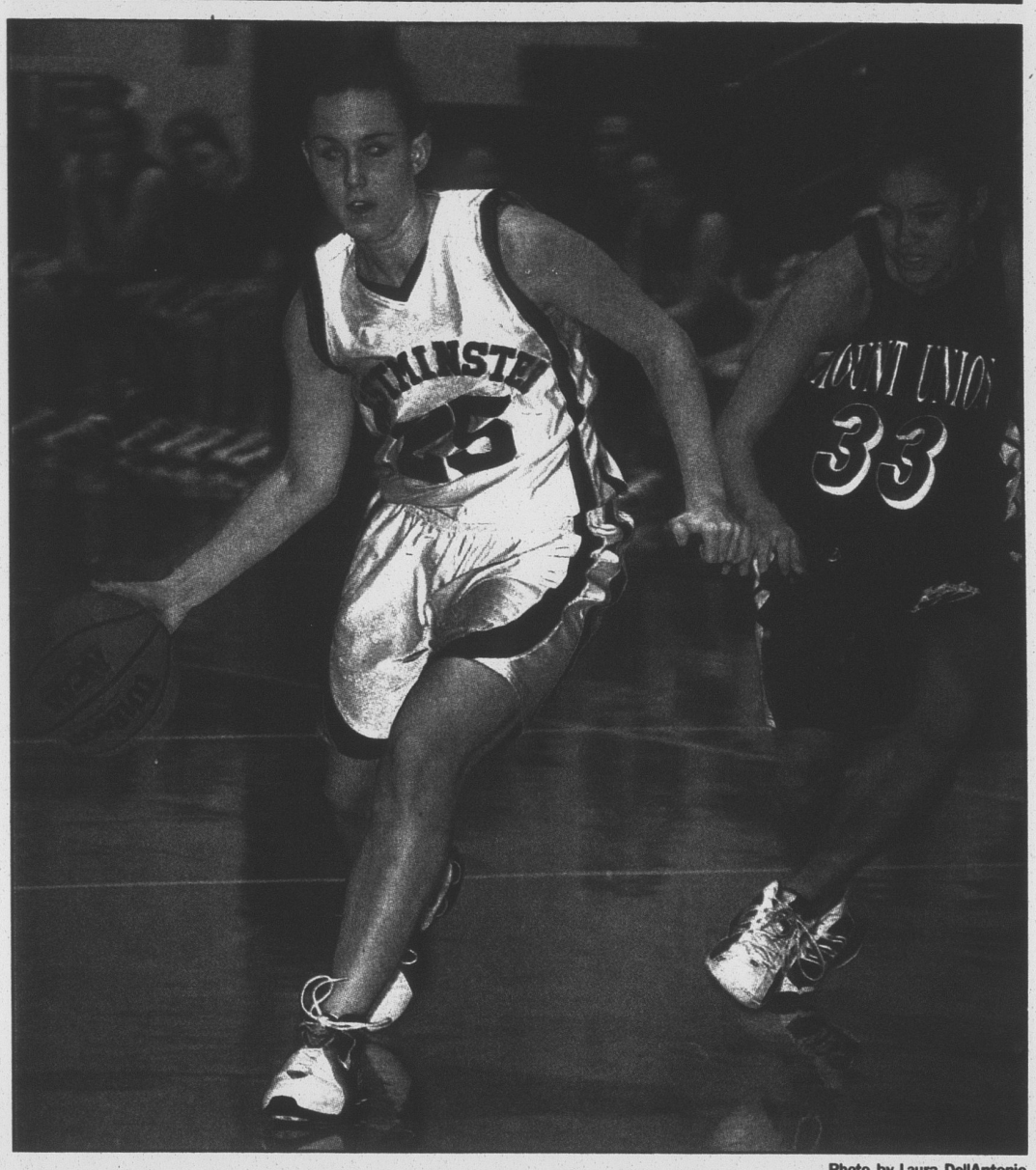

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Freshman Gina Brunetti outdribbles the opponent in the Lady Titan home opener against Mount Union on Wednesday.

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Sophomore Chauncy Whitlow flies for the slam dunk.

Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

Titan women's basketball preview

Westminster women's basketball coach, Rosanne Scott, hates to lose. As a matter of fact, she avoids spelling the word in formal writing. OK, so I made that last part up.

However, Coach Scott's Lady Titans have forced the fourth-year head coach into the toughest start of her young career. Westminster's record stands at (0-4) after dropping a 52-38 decision at home to Mount Union on Wednesday night.

The Purple Raiders posted a 9-2 run in the final 4:12 of the half, and turned a one-point lead (15-14) into an eight-point halftime lead (24-16). The Lady Titans would get no closer than 12 points for the remainder of the contest.

The Lady Titans graduated three key players from last year's team: Alyson Gasper, Erica Tallo, and Mary Jane Eaton. Scott knew some fresh faces would have to step up in 2005.

"Right now we've been getting Terese [Marszalek] and Emilee [Ackerman] to step up. They've been contributing a lot, and they're only sophomores. But I think that's why were making the mistakes that we're making," Coach Scott said.

Desiree Sterling, arguably the team's best player, has battled injury in the early part of the season. Sterling has averaged 26 minutes-per-game, while shooting a mere 21% from the floor. Sterling posted 10 points in the loss Wednesday night, but has not matched her outstanding numbers from the past two years.

Other key returnees for the Lady Titans include Talley Felger, Rachel Eaton and Nicole Fee. Felger has seen time in each of her first two years and should prove to be a force to reckon with inside this season.

Watch for Eaton and Fee to control the backcourt for the squad. So far, the duo has combined to lead the Lady Titans in assists with eight and nine, respectively.

The Lady Titan's opened their home schedule Wednesday night. They are still winless, but Coach Scott seeks a win for different reasons.

"Where I'm concerned is just a win for their confidence. I know that they can do it, and making improvements and getting a win at home would definitely improve their confidence," Coach Scott added.

The Lady Titans host Manchester in a home, non-conference game this Friday at 6 p.m.

Jason Mackey is a senior broadcast communications major. He can be seen weekly on Coach's Corner (7 p.m. on the WCN) and also meets the mandatory "Abercrombie Requirement" for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

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Two lucky fans win the best seat of the house & pizza.

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Desiree Sterling posted 10 points 6 for 10 on the line

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Mark Demonaco 11 points 4 for 6 on the line

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Freshman Steve Bielich 12 points

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Sophomore Emilee Ackerman led team with 13 points & 6 rebounds

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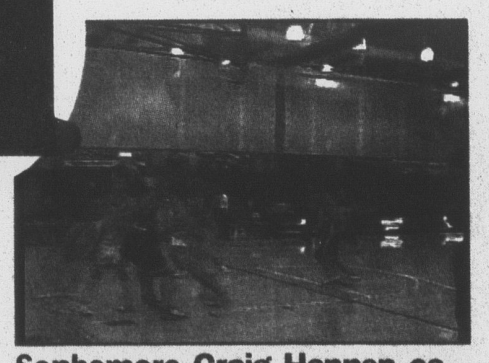

Sophomore Craig Hannon career high 30 points hit 7, from the Arch.

Each week watch Justin Egley crack into some of the best plays of the week on the *County Line* on the Westminster College Cable Network, Channel 9, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

A&E Arts & Entertainment

Thanksgiving Film reviews

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Sherri is a junior English major with a film studies minor. Sherri is known to be gruff until she's had her daily caffeine fix. Of course, after the gruffness clears, she'll never stop yammering in your ear.

In between leftover turkey sandwiches and making fruit baskets at the floral shop, I made a point to use my paycheck to see as many movies possible over our little Thanksgiving break.

I was able to see three, and fortunately all three were pretty good experiences (aside from the crazy children at the IMAX). Here are three movies I recommend seeing when you get a chance:

Walk the Line

This compelling biopic tells the story of legendary musician Johnny Cash (Joaquin Phoenix) and his rocky relationship with the charming June Carter (Reese Witherspoon).

Both Phoenix and Witherspoon give Oscar-worthy performances as Johnny Cash struggles with a drug addiction and June Carter repeatedly saves him from himself.

The storyline is similar to the life of Ray Charles depicted in last year's successful biopic, Ray, where Jamie Foxx won the Best Actor Oscar.

What makes this film even more interesting is that Phoenix and Witherspoon do their own vocals, and do a stunning job of impersonating Cash and Carter.

Even if you have never listened to a Johnny Cash song, see this film and appreciate the acting and singing.

Rating: A

Source: Google Images

Reese Witherspoon as June Carter and Joaquin Phoenix as Johnny Cash in *Walk the Line*.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron (Rupert Grint), and Hermione (Emma Watson) return to Hogwarts for their fourth year.

Following the trend of the preceding films, this fourth film of the series is much darker than the others, well-earning its PG-13 rating.

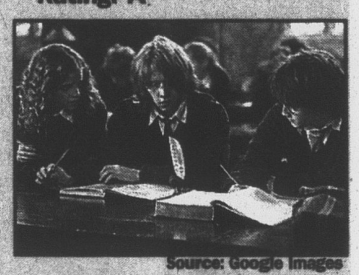
It's a busy year, with Hogwarts hosting the Triwizard Tournament, a competition between the three wizardry schools, (Hogwarts, Beauxbatons, and Durmstrang), in which one student from each school competes in three arduous tasks to win the Triwizard Cup.

Only wizards of age (17) may enter their name into the Goblet of Fire (eerie looking cup that chooses the champion from each school). To everyone's surprise, Harry's name comes out of the Goblet of Fire, making four competitors instead of three (Uh oh, sounds fishy).

I don't want to spoil the rest, but the film is full of action as Harry tries to figure out who the traitor in Hogwarts is, survive each task, survive adolescence and the mystery of girls, all the while witnessing the rebirth of Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes) at the end.

A lot is left out from the book, but I think the film still proves entertaining.

Rating: A-



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Daniel Radcliffe as Harry Potter, Rupert Grint as Ron Weasley and Emma Watson as Hermione Granger in *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*.

Pride and Prejudice

Based on the classic Jane Austen novel, this is the story of the Bennet sisters and their mother's obsession to marry them off to successful and rich men.

Mostly the film centers around Elizabeth Bennet (Keira Knightley), who is the daughter they are convinced will never settle down to marry.

Through other acquaintances she meets Mr. Darcy, (Matthew MacFadyen), a man she finds despicable and boring.

She hears false information about him and decides to hate him forever.

Of course, Mr. Darcy is in love with her despite his tranquil emotions.

Throughout the film they spend most of their time avoiding each other and not saying what they mean.

As you can figure from the beginning, Mr. Darcy is actually charming and compassionate, and Elizabeth eventually figures this out at dawn in a dewy field.

It's a romance you see when you are prepared to see someone else's life work out to live in a mansion with a handsome man.

Entertaining, but I know I'll still come back to my room in Ferguson.

Rating: B

Source: Google Images

Keira Knightley as Elizabeth Bennet and Matthew MacFadyen as Mr. Darcy in *Pride and Prejudice*.

Longhorn Steakhouse

Succulent steaks stun, satiate Delicious desserts dazzle, delight

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

After eating a "meatball" sub for lunch that tasted like pure filler, I decided it was about time to go to a steakhouse to get some real meat. The best steakhouse of which I've heard is Longhorn in Boardman, Ohio. Now that I've eaten there, I agree with its great reputation.

The menu includes all kinds of steaks including filet mignon, New York strip steak and sirloin. There is portabella mushroom chicken, barbeque chicken, chicken strips and chicken salad, lobster, shrimp, ribs and pork. Some specials have a mix of steak and seafood.

With each entrée, you get a side dish with choices such as mashed potatoes, baked potatoes, baked sweet potatoes with cinnamon and butter, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables and many more. Dinner salads are also included along with warm wheat bread. The cooks are not messing around with the size of the dinner salads which are as large as a small steak salad. They are topped with tons of carrots, cheese, tomatoes, cucumbers, onions and croutons. There are about 11 dressings to choose from, as well.

When choosing the way your steak is to be cooked, there is a color chart right on the menu for you to see. The cooks make it exactly as you want it.

I do have to absolutely rave about the dessert. They have a nice looking dessert menu, but after tasting the fried cheesecake, I knew there was nothing any better. It tasted like cheesecake wrapped up in fried dough. To tip it off, you can get chocolate or strawberry syrup and whip cream on top. Do not fill up on dinner because you want to experience this.

Prices are not bad at all for a steakhouse. Filet is under $20, and everything else is under $15. There is also a bar for those of you who are over 21 years old.

Longhorn is located right on 224 in Boardman next to the Olive Garden and Holiday Inn. If you are sick of the meat filler from Sodexo like me, get to Longhorn Steakhouse!

The Switch

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December 2, 2005

Men's and Women's Swimming at Wooster Invitational

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Honors Band – Orr Auditorium

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM YPS Alternative Gift Market – MCC Carlson Atrium

11:00 AM Racquetball Tournament – Class B Singles – Field House

6:00 PM Women's Basketball vs. Manchester (H)

7:00 PM Jamnesty – MCC Club/Lounge

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Cinderella Man – MCC Mueller Theater

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Titan's Tavern – MCC Club/Lounge

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Four Brothers – MCC Mueller Theater

December 3, 2005

Men's and Women's Swimming at Wooster Invitational

8:30 AM - 6:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Section Summit – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

9:00 AM Racquetball Tournament – Class A Singles – Field House

12:00 PM Honors Band District V Banquet – MCC Witherspoon Maple

1:00 PM Racquetball Tournament – Doubles – Field House

2:00 PM Honors Band Concert – Orr Auditorium

3:00 PM Senior Voice and Piano Recital: Sara Caveglia and Megan McConnell – Wallace Memorial Chapel

3:00 PM Women's Basketball vs. Case Western Reserve (H)

7:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Fellowship Dance – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Four Brothers – MCC Mueller Theater

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Cinderella Man – MCC Mueller Theater

December 4, 2005

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Alpha Gamma Delta Sisterhood Social – MCC Witherspoon Maple

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Cinderella Man – MCC Mueller Theater

3:00 PM Christmas Concert: Westminster Orchestra - - Orr Auditorium

7:00 PM Vespers: Advent Communion – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:30 PM YPS Christmas Party – Jim Mohr's Home

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Four Brothers – MCC Mueller Theater

December 5, 2005

7:00 PM SGA Christmas Party – MCC Club/Lounge

7:30 PM Junior Voice Recital: Bridget Steller, soprano – Wallace Memorial Chapel

9:00 PM Monday Night Football: Seattle Seahawks vs. Philadelphia Eagles – MCC Club

December 6, 2005

5:45 PM Spring Break Mission Trip Informational Meeting – Wallace Memorial Chapel

5:45 PM Gulf Coast Work Trip Information Meeting – Chapel

6:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Christmas Party – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

7:00 PM Jake Erhardt International Film Series: A Very Long Engagement, 2004, France – MCC Mueller Theater

7:00 PM Women's Basketball vs. Allegheny (H)

7:30 PM French Horn Ensemble Concert – Orr Auditorium

December 7, 2005

11:40 AM Faculty Forum: Faculty Round Tables – MCC Mueller Theater

5:00 PM SWAT Christmas Party – MCC Witherspoon Maple

5:00 PM World Fair Celebration – MCC Club/Lounge

7:00 PM SGA Meeting – MCC Mueller Theater

7:30 PM Men's Basketball at Allegheny

December 8, 2005

4:30 PM Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Small Group Study and Discussion: "Divorce – Don't Be Afraid to Talk About It" – MCC 352

8:00 PM Kappa Delta's Next WC Top Male Model – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

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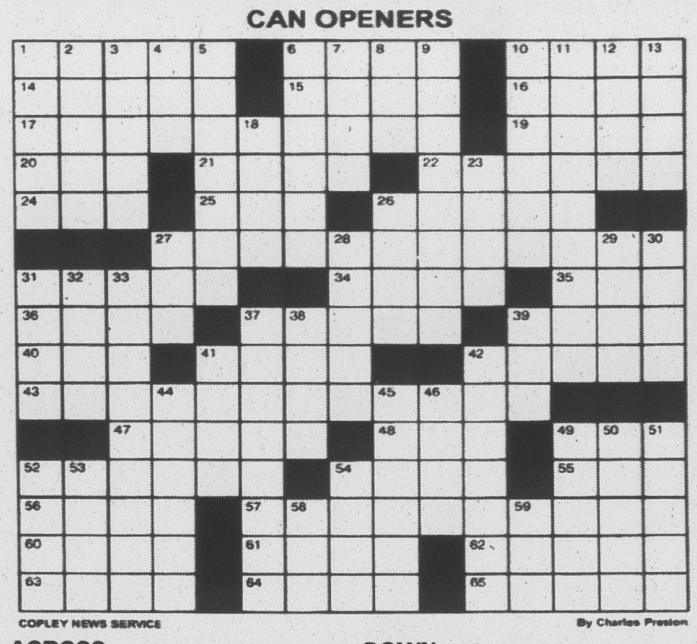

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Horoscopes

ARIES: Remain flexible in matters pertaining to travel, education or foreign affairs. Last-minute changes or financial adjustments might be necessary.

TAURUS: Make sure that you have the approval of others involved in a joint investment venture before moving forward. Clarify your intent and outline your expectations.

GEMINI: Look for a green light or indication that it is time to proceed in a relationship matter. A partner or mate is waiting for you to make the first move.

CANCER: Avoid scattering your energy or wasting time in a futile attempt to do too much. Stay focused and tackle your most demanding projects one at a time. Most importantly, don't break or forget plans with friends.

LEO: It appears that there is more going on in a social setting than meets the eye. Postpone making important plans or decisions until you have full disclosure.

VIRGO: Suspicion or self-doubt is sure to undermine your personal happiness. Pull yourself together and rise above your insecurities or negative thoughts. Other than that, it may be a good idea to patent an idea you got earlier this week.

LIBRA: Do your best to make sense out of confusing, yet mandatory paperwork. Read the fine print and if necessary get explanations from a teacher or interpreter.

SCORPIO: Avoid the check-is-in-the-mail hassle or dilemma. Pay bills online or go the extra mile to deliver a payment or gift to the receiving party in person.

SAGITTARIUS: Avoid spreading rumors or causing confusion among friends or loved ones. Communicate with clarity and stand behind the promises you make.

CAPRICORN This is a great time to practice techniques for relaxation or meditation. Put your feet up and allow thoughts of happiness or tranquility to take you away.

AQUARIUS: Do not make the mistake of taking an important relationship or friendship for granted. Make special plans to show your partner or loved one how much you care.

PISCES: Adopt a business plan or proposal that will take the guesswork out of your professional endeavors. Pop in a movie this week.

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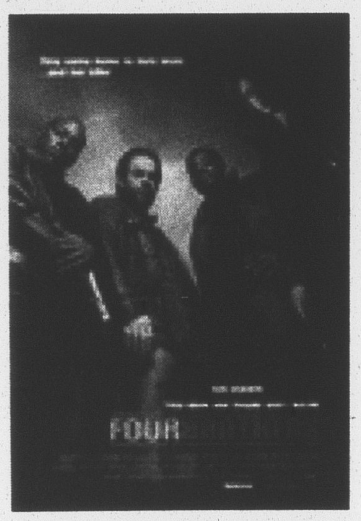

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Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

Late Night
Mon-Tue-Thurs
10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
The Club Room

MONDAY Night Football! 9:00pm Club Room

COMING SOON...

Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

Dec. 9 Comic- Dan Ahdoot
Dec. 9 Shaded Gray Concert
Dec. 10 Night Owl Bowling
Jan. 27 Texas Holdem
Feb. 10 Mardi Gras
Feb. 24 Jazz Concert
Mar. 3-5 Lil Sib's Weekend

FEATURES

Holiday Feasting

I'm sure you've all heard about that pesky downside to the cheer of the holiday season- holiday weight gain. Scientists and astrologists conclude that when the sun and moon align with the planets over the holidays, it's typical for most Americans to gain five to seven pounds between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

I'm not so sure about this statistic myself. It could be that running around from job to job during the holidays burns those extra pounds from calorie-filled goodies like peanut butter cookies and apple pie, but how does everyone else stay in shape?

"I don't gain weight during the holidays," sophomore Devin Smith said. "I'm just more relaxed since I'm at home and I don't feel the need to overeat. I run and lift weights everyday so I typically stay the same weight and if I'm lucky I'll come back to school a few pounds lighter."

Exercising and weight lifting is the obvious solution to abstaining from those pesky holiday pounds, but what about those of us who don't have the time or energy to exercise?

"I don't do anything but eat over the holidays. I don't do any physical exertion except moving my hand to my mouth," sophomore Holly Leach said. "I exercise when I get the urge but I typically don't plan on gaining any weight."

Lucky her! Another solution to avoiding those holiday-induced thunder thighs is to cook the food yourself.

"My theory is, when you're cooking you eat much less," Beth Brooks, executive secretary in student affairs, said. "By the time you get all the food out on the table, you're more concerned with your guests than stuffing yourself. If I'm a guest, I eat more than when I'm a hostess."

Whatever your plan is to dodge extra pounds, check out some of the tips I've learned over the years for more ideas on how to avoid overeating.

Tips to Avoid Overeating

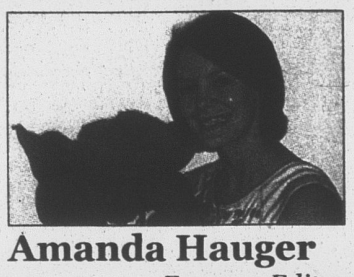
***Drink lots of water**- this will help your body stay hydrated and avoid eating unneccesary calories.

***Stay active somehow**- whether it's just walking Fido around the block or taking out the trash, find a way to move your legs.

***Give into temptations**- the holidays come but once a year, so restricting yourself today will only result in a binge eating episode tomorrow. Give into temptations every once in awhile.

***Do not diet**- dieting during the holidays is like GroupWise Web Access- it simply doesn't work. Just simply try to maintain your weight.

***Watch alcohol intake**- two words- empty calories!

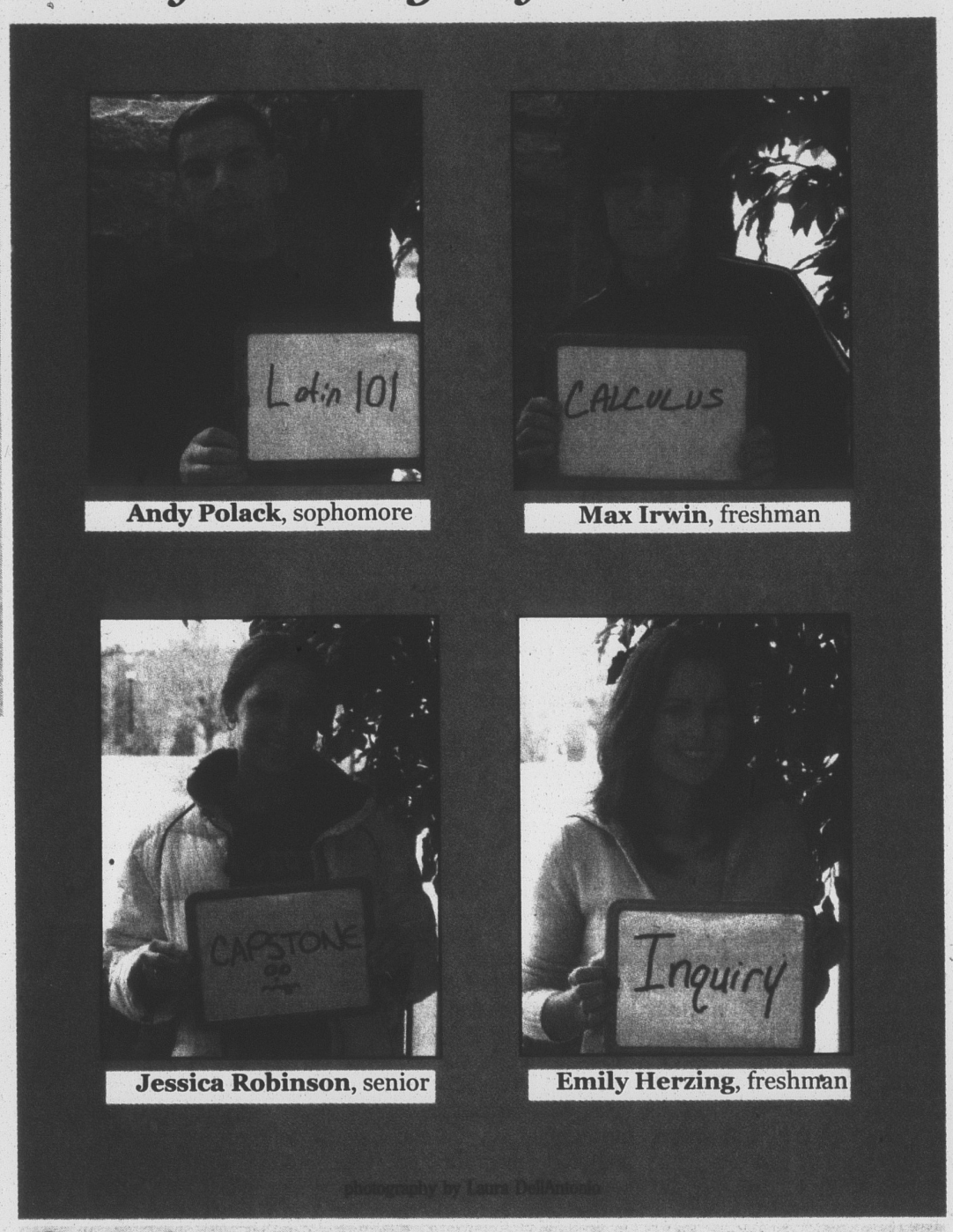


Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major. She loves peanut butter cookies with the hershey kiss in the middle, although no one in the Holcad office knew what they were called at the time.

Question of the Week:

What final do you fear the most?



Andy Polack, sophomore

Max Irwin, freshman

Jessica Robinson, senior

Emily Herzing, freshman

photography by Laura DelAmorio

Hooked on *The Switch*

Natalie Coccia gives us the scoop on a local band

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

The Switch, the Pittsburgh based band, is coming to Westminster tonight. The four-person ensemble will grace the student lounge at 7 pm and are sure to leave with a new-found fan base.

Rob (vocalist), AJ (drummer), Matt (bass and vocals), and Jed (guitar and vocals) have created a new sound among punk genre music. With a three-part harmony and melodic compositions, they have left behind the stereotypes of a pop-punk garage band and created a type of music all their own. Each song includes a driving drum base and fun guitar riffs with lyrics about things the band experiences in everyday life.

The Switch formed five years ago and has made a slew of accomplishments since. Last year they played more than 150 shows and also embarked on a three month tour. They currently have three released works. Their first independent release, *General Nuisance*, was released in August 2001. More than 800 burned CDs were sold. Two years later, they released *Great Soda Punk Addiction* and in February 2005, the *Make it Count EP* was completed. Three finished works in five years is a mighty accomplishment for any new band. *The Switch* refers to their style as "soda punk" because they are not a stereotypical pop punk band.

The Switch sample, compiled by several active *Switch* fans on campus, has been floating around the dorms of Westminster this week and includes two new released songs from their most recent CD, as well as new demo, *My Great Grandfather is Responsible for the Death of Amelia Earhart*.

Sky Yaple, a junior theatre major and broadcasting minor, is a personal friend of the band.

"Everyone should go and see the show because their music is fantastic and is so fun to move around to," Yaple said.

According to Yaple, the band has worked very hard and put a lot of passion into their music to get where they are today.

"They practice all the time...sometimes they have rehearsals all night long," Yaple said.

"*The Switch* puts on one of the most entertaining shows I've ever seen and regardless of your taste in music, you're going to like 'em," senior Mike Klass said.

The show is in benefit of Amnesty International. The organization is affiliated with international human rights that raise money for just causes and awareness. Every fall semester Amnesty hosts an event called Jamnesty that raises money for their national headquarters.

"We wanted to get bands that people on campus would know," Nawal Rajeh said.

People can make a two-dollar donation at the doors in support of the organization. "Lois Tolvinski is friends with *The Switch* and suggested they play," Rajeh said.

To learn more about *The Switch* or sample music, visit their homepage at www.theswitchx.com.

Natalie Coccia is a junior media art major with a PR minor. She finally declared her major this past week.

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Q&A with one lucky senior

Titan Eye Candy

Amanda Hauger takes us inside the world of a student who has some real 'eye candy'

Contributed photo

Serah Stauffer is one student who is easy to recognize on campus. This soon to be 22-year old Youngstown native is a fine arts major, writing minor. She is the editor of *Scrawl*, the college's arts and literary magazine, involved in Amnesty International and works in the President's office.

Over Thanksgiving break, Serah received quite the surprise. We can now add her to the growing list of recently engaged Titans because her boyfriend of almost two years popped the big question over break. The proposal was quite original.

"We went out to dinner and a movie and then he blindfolded me in the car," Serah said. "We arrived at this small, private airport and there were lights all along the runway and there were candles everywhere. At the end of the runway was a table with a ring on it," Serah recalled.

It turns out, Serah's boyfriend, Todd Thomas, had planned the whole event and arranged the setup with the owner of the airport. The couple met through mutual friends and attended neighboring high schools. Thomas attends the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Thomas wasn't the only one in on the secret, Serah's younger brother, Jeremy, was in on the plan as well.

"He was hiding in the woods trying to tape everything. He had the camera on night vision since it was so dark outside so it looks like he's out hunting," Serah said with a laugh.

Serah and Todd are currently planning a June 2, 2006 wedding. After graduation, she plans to move to Kentucky soon after the wedding to pursue secretarial or administrative work. This doesn't mean, however, she'll give up on her dreams of a career in art.

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Currently, Serah does portraits and has been asked to illustrate a few children's books. She is considering starting her own business as portraiture.

Working for as the editor of *Scrawl* for the past two years has certainly kept her busy.

"*Scrawl* features poetry, prose, short stories and plays from submissions from students on campus," Serah said. "We also have an art show in January where the submissions are voted on and the winners appear in the magazine in the spring."

Scrawl is also trying to feature a faculty selection of writing as well. The magazine meets every other Thursday at Mugsie's in order for aspiring writers to share their own work or give feedback to other students.

Although Serah will be busy planning her summer wedding, she'll still be listening to *Howie Day* and *Coldplay* and eating Double Stuf Oreos. Try to catch her singing (one of her hidden talents) on the Sheely's Furniture and Appliance commercial. I've heard she's pretty good. And you can catch her older brother, Nathan, perform right here on campus on Friday, December 2 in the Club Room at 7 o'clock.

Each week, Titan Eye Candy spotlights a student who has done something unique or survived a serious crisis in his or her life.

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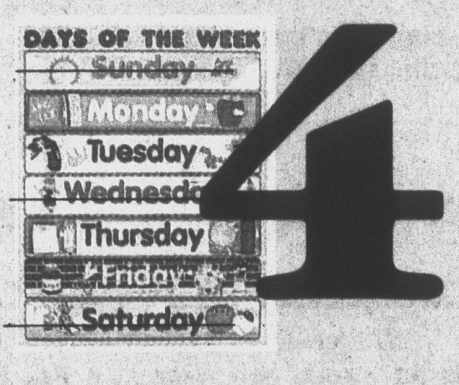

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Faculty receives early Christmas gift from college administrators

By Amanda Hauger
Staff writer

The hard-working staff members on campus received an early Christmas present this year: more time off. President R. Thomas Williamson and the Board of Trustees make the decision every year in the fall whether or not to extend the holiday break to the dedicated staff that makes the college function.

The normal holiday break includes Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Every fall, President Williamson and the Board of Trustees decide if the staff deserves the extra three days off in between the two regular holiday breaks. For the past nine years, the staff has been granted this extended holiday vacation.

"We try to give the staff advanced notice of the extension in order for them to make plans to spend time with their families,"

President Williamson said. "It is done as a thank you from the Board of Trustees and administration to the people who make Westminster a great place."

Williamson adds that the break not only benefits the employees, but also the college as a whole.

"My theory is, if things are good at home, people will be able to do their jobs a little better," he said.

Unfortunately some staff members will not be able to receive the extended holiday break because these people are essential to the maintenance of the college.

"There are people who will have to work during the holiday break," President Williamson said. "It is up to their individual supervisor's discretion. For example someone will need to be here to ensure the heating operates properly, we'll also need someone in the Development Office to take year-end donations and checks will still be processed in the Finance Office. The essential programs will go on."

Staff members who do benefit from the break say it is the best present they receive all year.

"It is the best Christmas present anyone could give me," Linda Travers, secretary of communications and modern languages, said. "I would much rather have that extra time off than money, flowers, candy or jewelry. I think it is a wonderful thing and I very much look forward to the day after Christmas to spend time relaxing."

Online teacher evaluations fall short on accuracy

Dr. Sprow: "I want a hot tamale by my name!"

By Lindsey Townsend
Campus writer

For a few years now, teachers have read many student comments on student evaluation sheets.

Within the last few classes of a course, students are given teacher evaluations in order to rate professors on their job in teaching their classes and give any suggestions for improvement.

"The main purpose is to make sure every course that a professor teaches is evaluated," professor of English Dr. Richard Sprow said. "These evaluations are essential for the reviews that a professor must go through," he said.

Much to the professors' dismay, some students are "already on break," so-to-speak, and do not necessarily give quality feedback about their teachers. Sometimes students only write the most negative aspects about their professor, despite their class experience. Because of these reasons, many professors do not receive sufficient feedback from their students.

"I think most of us take them quite seriously," associate professor of political science Dr. James Rhoads said. "And I think that's why sometimes we're disappointed at the level at which some students take them seriously."

Some students would suggest that other measures might be used to evaluate how a professor is doing in teaching his or her class.

"I think that grades are a reflection of how a teacher is able to evoke an interest for a subject in a student," sophomore Sharon Englert said. "If the student has a high grade, the teacher must be teaching well, but if the student has a low grade, then the teacher must not be making the class interesting."

One has to wonder though- is the web site known as ratemyprofessors.com a more effective tool?

At some point, many students have come across ratemyprofessors.com.

Here, students have the ability to "rate" their professors based upon what they experienced in the class. What discourages many teachers with this website is the fact that some information may be false.

"I got one evaluation for a course that I never even taught," Sprow said. "You have to be suspicious over the Internet with stuff like that."

Rhoads has a similar opinion of the Web site.

"Most comments I have seen are pretty silly," Rhoads said. "But I think the notion of that can be effective."

What is on professors such as Sprow's minds is that a student should not really take some areas of the teacher evaluation into consideration.

"Well for a student to say 'don't use that text again' is telling me, well, don't teach Shakespeare the way you're teaching Shakespeare," he said. "I want it taught the way I want it taught."

opinions/editorials

Rant & Rave

This is my December, not yours.

You will die by what you live by.

The thought of egg nog pleases me way more than it should.

You can find someone who will love you as much as you love all your little round mirrors.

When's Tony Danza making another appearance at WC?

Don't hate me 'cause you ain't me!

Keep your germs away form me, I don't have time to be sick.

cries Why can't the desk sitter ever be at the desk?

The rant & rave box is looking pretty empty and lonely.

How about some soy milk in the TUB?

I will never try to watch Saturday night TV again.

Learn some instant messenger etiquette.

Titannet does not love my Mac.

It's almost the weekend.

um... snow.

Why are you so mean?

Watch out! The yellow ones won't stop!

Put some clothes on! It's winter.

Even if my schedule would allow it, what would I wear?!

Where did the semester go?

You look like you've been playing dress up with grandma's costume jewelry.

Remind me again why we watched this pointless movie?

Blame it on the hormones!

If only I had eight arms.

You simply can't have Oreos without milk.

I have had Pizza Joe's or soup for every lunch this week.

That sounds like the name of a grocery store.

My roommate sucks at Twister.

Want to Rant and Rave? Drop off a comment in the box by the McKelvey Information Desk!

Colin addresses a communication improvement worth more than buckets of water

Fire! Fire! But where?

Colin Dean
Co-editor-in-chief

Fire alarms are among the most recognizable sounds in the world. The whining, ear-burning combination of high-pitched tones leaves no question in mind as to what is happening when that sound is heard.

However, we've all become trained. We are so used to fire drills from grade school and then from our dorms that we've lost the sense of urgency that comes with the annoying interruption of an alarm. We don't know if the alarms are sounding because of a planned drill or the real McCoy.

Take Sunday, Dec. 4, for instance. Around 6:30 p.m., residents of Eichenauer Hall heard the telltale noise and slowly made their way to the exits.

However, upon leaving their rooms - some turned back and re-emerged with an added layer of clothing. Upon leaving their room, they smelled smoke — real bona fide smoke - and knew that shorts and a T-shirt wouldn't hold up in the 30 degree weather for as long as this actual, worthwhile alarm could last. Fortunately, however, the residents were outside for only 15 minutes.

The reason for the alarm was obvious, then, at least to the residents of the northern first floor. I know this because, well, I live there. However, students on the southern side may not have had the pleasure of smelling the acrid odor that merited an alarm.

Regardless, the students should have been given more information the next day.

Many drills have been held in my years here, but there were very few that I knew were actual drills, even the day after.

According to the emergency procedures section of the Residence Life policy of the online student handbook, "Students have the right to uninterrupted sleep and study in their rooms." I don't know about the college, but I classify a fire alarm as an interruption. However, skeptical reader, before you begin scoffing and saying, "Fire alarms are different, you ignoramus!" read on.

When, for any reason, I am forced to leave my room, I deserve to know why I was forced to leave. If I walk outside and see fire, well, I've got my explanation (as well as a pretty neat story for the next issue of *The Holcad*). However, for any other event, I should be told. I'm not demanding that Public Safety personally pull me aside and explain things -that's just silly.

A short, friendly email from the heads of Public Safety or Residence Life the following day would certainly put my suspicions and state of annoyance to rest. Even something as short as, "The alarm last night was a fire drill; thank you for your cooperation," would suffice to justify the interruption.

Such a message would clarify that some student with a ridiculous amount of time on his hands detonated a smoke bomb in the stairwell instead of my thinking that the building was actually on fire. It could have also possibly explained why, during my freshman year, a student from another college collapsed outside of Russell during a fire alarm. Or was it a drill? We don't know!

The whole concept of sending a short email is not complicated in any way. It would take less than a minute and would improve the communication between the college and the students in a way that both parties will benefit. The students will be less angry, and the school will save face with the students.

Colin is a junior computer science major and writing minor with a penchant for journalism. He enjoys wallowing in his lack of final tests and listening to his entire music collection on random. He believes that there is nothing quite like blasting tunes from the past.

Pecking down memory lane

Bryan Peck
Randomly Yours

Well, it's the big end-of-the-semester article. I'm not going to lie. I'm a bit broken up about it. I like writing this column! Really! For me, not writing one of these for a month or so is going to be hard. Really. I have to go back to whining and complaining and having no one listen to me again.

Ah well. Such is life. Don't fret, though. Randomly Yours will appear in your friendly neighborhood *Holcad* again in the spring. So buck up, kiddo! I'll be back.

Anyway, I decided almost fifteen minutes ago that I need to wrap up a lot of loose ends that I have been dangling around. You know, in relation to this article. There were some things that I wrote about that I didn't get quite correct, and I have follow-ups to some stories. I figure that I've given everything else a hard time this semester. I might as well end by giving Randomly Yours a nice little punch to the kidneys.

What follows are some follow-ups and corrections about my previous articles:

1. Apparently, the fish in the stream died when the crew in the New Wilmington park across the street drained the pool into their home. I suppose this makes sense... I vaguely remember hearing that fish don't like chlorine. I dunno. It's been a while since marine biology.

2. Upkeep on the dorms is in progress, but it takes a while. The broken door in Eich was fixed last week (finally) and the washing machines were repaired sometime when I wasn't paying attention. The massive crack in my wall, however, still mocks me.

3. The townhouses are still the top priority for the school. Last week, I found out that they had been named the "Berlin Village." I figure they named it after the German major that they got rid of without telling the German majors. Of course, that's just my guess.

4. It turns out that the Sagittarius constellation is not the "sea goat." That's actually Capricorn. So maybe my little horoscopes aren't completely 100% accurate. Give me a break, it's been a while since Astrology, too.

5. I want to thank the two to three people who took the time to send letters to the editor on topics I harped about. It makes me happy knowing this campus isn't completely dead just yet. Keep fighting for what you believe.

6. Sodexho is making efforts to rotate the menu as to promote variety in our dining schedule. I have heard from several employees that eventually, they're going to add a lot more items to the menu. I applaud this. A bit of a random note, when you run spell check on "Sodexho" it changes it to "Somehow." I don't know if this has any relevance. Just thought I'd share.

7. Don Lerman holds the record for eating baked beans. He ate six pounds in a minute and forty-eight seconds, according to http://www.ifoce.com/records.php. I love America.

I think that's all I have. Have a very merry... whatever it is you like to celebrate. Heck, merry semester break. You've earned it.

Bryan Peck is a senior English major. He spends most of his spare time nursing an addiction to "Kool-Aid Jammers" and creating insane theories about dinosaurs. If you see him on campus, give him a cookie. This will please him, as well as shut him up until you can escape.

Call for Ideas

All semester, Kathryn has been trying to convince Colin to write a column on something computer-related.

He has finally consented, but really does not know what the students are interested in reading about computers.

Colin is thus open to ideas.

What do you want to read about?

Podcasting?

Blogging?

The wonders of Google?

Free or open source software?

Send your serious ideas to Colin or to *The Holcad*.

Colin will not even consider writing about TitanNET, so do not suggest it.

Want to write a letter to the editor? Here are the rules.

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DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Bigger Electric Bills in New Wilmington

New Wilmington Borough residents can expect higher electric bills in 2006. A bill passed at this week's borough meeting will raise electric bills anywhere from 11 to 13 percent. New Wilmington Mayor Wendell Wagner says the increase will not be a severe change, around $5 a month for many people. Wagner says the borough tries to avoid raising prices, but that sometimes budget issues call for the change. Wagner hopes the increase will help the borough's budget in the coming year.

Kids Alone in Cars Could Become a Crime

Pennsylvania residents could see in increase in penalties for leaving children unattended in vehicles. State Representative John Siptroth proposed a bill earlier this week to make it a separate crime for each child left unattended in a car. The current law gives the same punishment regardless of the number children left unattended. Siptroth says adults need to realize that leaving children unattended in a car can have tragic consequences. Siptroth's bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.

Lawrence County Reality Tour

Kids from the county have an opportunity to learn more about the effects of heroin on the life of a teen. The Lawrence County Government Center is holding sign ups for three Reality Tours that will take place next year. Reality Tour is an innovative drug prevention and awareness program that includes a dramatic portrayal of a teen on heroin–from arrest and imprisonment to overdoes and death. The experience is meant for children over 10 years old who are accompanied by a parent. You can sign up for the tour using the form on the District Attorney's web site.

Weaver's WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ

1. During this week's New Wilmington borough meeting, what did the borough council agree to increase?
   1. the occupational privilege taxes
   2. the school tax
   3. electricity rates
   4. water rates
   5. parking fines

2. Identify the U.S. government's premier anti-terrorism law that the House and Senate agreement on Thursday to extend before it expires at the end of the month.
   1. NAFTA
   2. The Patriot Act
   3. The Telecommunications Act of 1996
   4. The Anti-Terror Law
   5. The Homeland Security Act

3. Identify the new ABC News World News Tonight anchor team.
   1. Charles Gibson & Diane Sawyer
   2. Charles Gibson & Katie Couric
   3. Elizabeth Vargas & Bob Woodruff
   4. Anderson Cooper & Aaron Brown
   5. Nick Lachey & Jessica Simpson

4. A new Pennsylvania law now bans _____ in public schools.
   1. artificial sweeteners
   2. sexy cheerleading
   3. spanking
   4. prayer before football games
   5. out of state milk

5. Identify the person expected to confirm the open secret that he is a Republican candidate for governor in a seven-city series of appearances around the state next month.
   1. Lt. Gov. William Scranton III
   2. State Senator Jeffrey Piccola
   3. Former Steeler star wide receiver Lynn Swann
   4. Former director of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association Jim Panyard
   5. TV/film star Michael J. Fox

6. Identify the nation that this week paved the way for civil unions for gay couples?
   1. Pakistan
   2. France
   3. Great Britain
   4. Germany
   5. Italy

1.)C 2.)B 3.)C 4.)C 5.)C 6.)C

Mr. Weaver, broadcast communcations instructor, teaches BC 311 and BC 111 where he likes to taunt his students with dubious current event quizzes.

Regional

Mystery Donor

Salvation Army kettles find gold and silver

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) - A mystery donor is again slipping packets of gold and silver coins into Salvation Army kettles at Lancaster's Park City Center mall, leaders of the charitable organization said.

For the past eight years, a donor known by some as the Secret Saint has wrapped collectible coins worth $50 to $60 in yellow post-it notes with scripture verses written on them, and dropped them into a mall kettle, usually daily, from Dec. 1 until Christmas, said Maj. Tim Lyle, who leads the Lancaster Salvation Army corps with his wife, Willie Mae.

As December arrived last Thursday, the packets began appearing again, Lyle said. He said the coins include a one-tenth of an ounce gold coin struck by the United States that can be worth $50, and a silver Austrian coin used for international trade for more than a century that is valued at $9 or $10.

At this rate, the donations would amount to about $1,440 this month. "I find it fascinating that someone takes the time to keep this going," Lyle said. "This is pure charity giving. Someone has a lot of money tied up in this and they are not asking for a tax deduction."

National

Doggie DNA

Scientists decipher DNA of dogs; should help find human disease genes

(AP) - From the smallest Chihuahua to the biggest Great Dane, all dogs emerge from the same basic set of genes. Scientists announced Wednesday that they'd deciphered this doggie DNA and begun detailed comparisons between breeds and with humans.

The work should help researchers find genes that make dogs and people vulnerable to such illnesses as cancers, heart disease, cataracts, epilepsy, blindness and deafness. And it has already hinted that people may have fewer genes than scientists thought.

The work used the DNA of a female boxer named Tasha, said Eric Lander, director of the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT and senior author of the analysis in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature. The DNA project was led by Kerstin Lindblad-Toh of the institute.

Tasha was chosen from more than 100 candidate dogs because her DNA looked especially amenable to the task of identifying its 2.4 billion chemical building blocks. But it turned out that any other dog would have worked just as well, Lander said.

The results are more complete than those announced in 2003 for the DNA of a male poodle named Shadow.

Scientists have also deciphered the DNA of mice, rats, chimps, chickens and of course humans, as well as many other organisms.

At the DNA level, two randomly chosen dogs differ by only about as much as two randomly chosen people do, yet the variation in appearance, size and behavior in dogs is "just mind-boggling," Lander said.

"How is it within one narrow gene pool you can produce Chihuahuas and Great Danes?" he asked.

Much of the answer involves differences in turning gene activity on and off, he said, and further study could help scientists understand what produces big differences in body plans between species.

The new work also identified signposts along the canine DNA that will help in finding genes that predispose dogs to certain diseases, some of which they share with humans. The dog genes should point the way to their human counterparts, Lander said.

In fact, it may be vastly easier to find disease genes in dogs than in people. Intensive breeding has left its mark in the dog genome so that finding DNA regions that contain disease genes "is like hitting the side of a barn," Lander said.

Dog DNA is already teaching several lessons about human DNA. For one thing, comparisons between DNA of dogs, humans and mice revealed elaborate controls on the activity of certain human genes active in early development, Lander said.

The three-way comparisons also showed that some genetic features found in humans but not mice aren't really unique to people, but also appear in dogs, he said. "The more species we look at, the more, frankly, we find that humans are not exceptional here," Lander said.

Researchers also estimated that dogs have 19,300 genes, almost all of them canine versions of genes found in people. Prior studies have indicated that people have about 3,000 more, but Lander said the dog analysis "is leading us to question whether those are in fact real human genes." Some proposed human genes, he said, are now "suspect" and may not be genes at all.

International

Tyrant feels persecuted

Trial delayed as Saddam refuses to attend

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) _ Saddam Hussein's trial was delayed Wednesday after the ousted president refused to attend the session, court officials said. Defense lawyers huddled with the judges in hopes of resolving the latest test of wills in the often-unruly trial.

An angry Saddam threatened at the end of the Tuesday court session to boycott the next day's proceedings after complaining that he and the seven other co-defendants had been mistreated by the "unjust court."

Court officials on Wednesday said Saddam was sticking by his vow, and the judges were trying to decide whether to proceed without him.

If the differences cannot be resolved, an official said the court might hold a closed session to search for solutions.

Saddam's threat not to attend the Wednesday session came at the end of a daylong session in which five witnesses _ two women and three men _ related the events of a 1982 crackdown on Shiite Muslims. The most dramatic testimony came from a woman who spoke behind a beige curtain and with her voice disguised.

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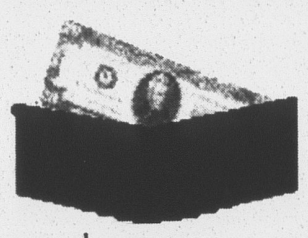

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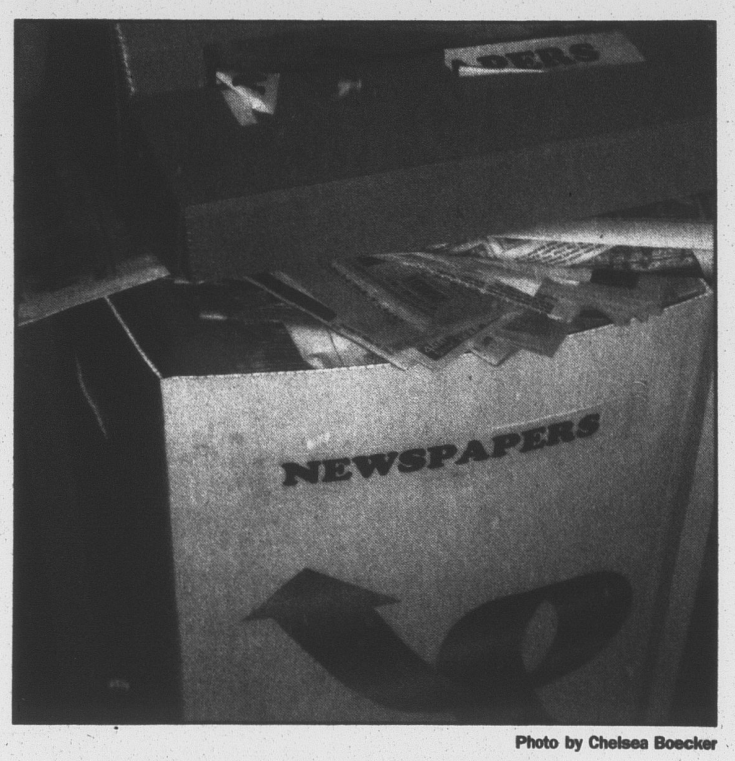
"New" paper

Old newspapers finding some choice recepticles



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The recycling bin in the TUB sits overstuffed.

By Nawal Rajeh
Staff writer

You may not have noticed that we recycle at Westminster. That's right. Right around the corner from those little black trash cans you throw your empty Mountain Dew bottles in are these nice blue containers with slots for bottles, and even paper. White paper that is.

One thing you may have realized however, is that even though Westminster has some 300 copies of the New York Times, The Sharon Herald, The Pittsburgh Tribune and Post-Gazette, New Castle News, USA Today and of course, *The Holcad*, for the past few years there has been no organized newspaper recycling at the college.

This very topic was brought up at the first Sierra Student Coalition meeting of the semester by Dr. Clarence Harms, Biology professor, head of the composting project, and friendly steward of the earth.

Sophomore Hollyann Leach, the group's current president, said her initial reaction was that the group must do something. Helping the campus start a recycling program for newspapers, she thought, would be a worthy endeavor for the group to involve themselves.

After speaking with Owen Wagner, director of the Physical Plant and Dr. Harms, a plausible solution was found. The papers could be taken to the physical plant where they would be shredded and then sent to Dr. Harms to be composted

"We're just supporting this project and taking it one step at a time," said Wagner.

Leach bought three bins online with the Sierra Student Coalition's budget. The new recycling bins can be found on each floor of McKelvey. They were first set out the Wednesday before Thanksgiving break and by Friday the first floor bin was overflowing.

"I wasn't expecting it to take off this quickly", said Leach. Though this is just a trial run, Leach, as well as the rest of the club hopes to see its success so that plans can be made to expand the program. In fact, the group's advisor, Dr. Mistry, has already received e-mails from departments that are hoping to get bins in their buildings.

"It would be nice to be able to recycle the newspapers to help the environment and clear up extra clutter," said Debra Sanchez, secretary of the Political Science and Sociology department.

Though the Sierra Student Coalitions members are responsible for picking up the papers weekly and taking them to where they need to be, they are happy to be involved.

"It's a good way to show our dedication," said freshman Sierra club member Melinda Marconi.

Although success will take the whole campus's effort, signs so far are looking good, as the bins have been filling up quickly.

"I think it's neat because the papers are being used on campus and are then being put back into campus in a different way, its beautification."

Tis the season for stress and colds

Tips to keep you in tip-top shape

By Alyssa Wright
Campus writer

During finals every year, it is inevitable that everyone starts to get a little more stressed than normal. With all the end-of-the year projects, presentations, and tests, students are bound to feel overwhelmed with all they have to do.

According to Babs Quincy of the Health Center, there are things that you can do to de-stress and cope with finals week better.

"The first thing you need to do is manage your time and get really organized," Quincy said. "You also need to schedule breaks and do some fun stuff along with your work."

She also recommends staying away from people and situations that tend to cause stress. Most people do not schedule time for exercise because they do not have the time for it, but it can actually help with focus. Planning ahead of time and then focusing on the task ahead instead of getting overwhelmed by what all needs done in the future can also relieve some stress.

Another big thing Quincy recommends is to focus on breathing. When in the middle of a negative thought, focus on breathing. She says to take a deep breath, count in for four, out for five, slowly for about three times.

"Breathing is huge," Quincy said. "When you're stressed you don't breathe as often and this can even lead to panic attacks."

To avoid stress, try to avoid thinking negatively. For example, instead of thinking of all the work that needs to be done before the end of the semester, focus on the tasks at hand and what needs to be accomplished today. Focusing on smaller tasks is much more manageable and causes a lot less stress than being overwhelmed by everything.

Students should also avoid comparing themselves to others. Thinking about how much more prepared the other people in the class are just causes stress and is counter-productive.

Another thing that Quincy pointed out was that a B isn't really so bad.

"Ten years from now a B won't matter. It's not going to decrease your quality of life," she explained. "When you look at the big picture of life, things you may be stressing out about now are very small."

According to Judith Duda of the Health Center, free massages will be offered on Reading Day. This is also another thing that could help to relieve some tension. Even if it's just for a short amount of time, it gives students a chance to relax and not have to worry about finals for a little while.

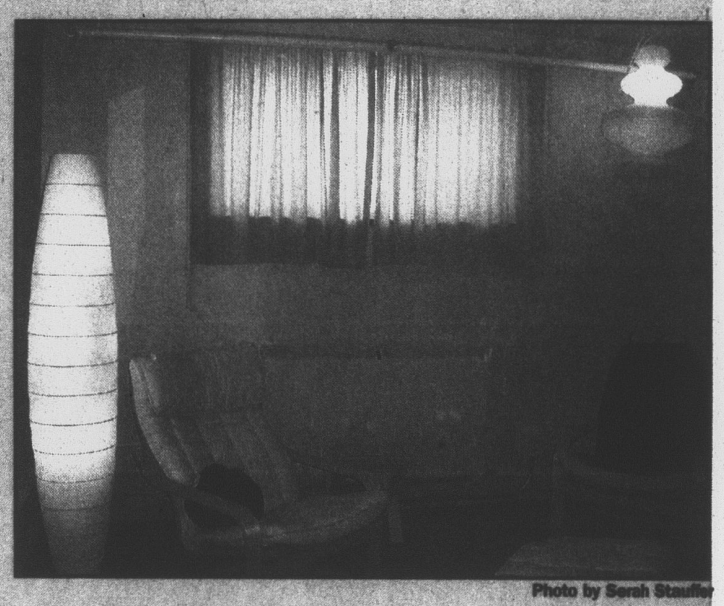
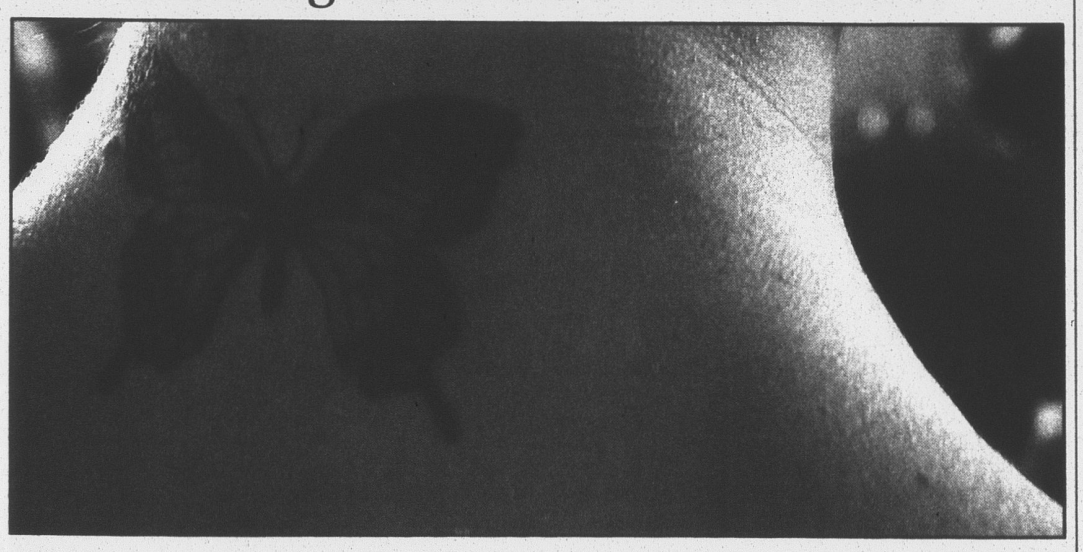


Photo by Sarah Stauffer

Quincy says the relaxation room is always open to students and a good place to come and detox.

Inking it up

Tanning salon hosts tattoo artist



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By Sarah Kramer
Campus writer

South Beach Tanning patrons hear an interesting combination of sounds: the clatter of Amish buggies and the whir of tattoo needles combine in Patti Short's salon.

For eight weeks now, Short has been offering the services of Tim Brummage, a piercing and tattoo artist from The Silver Bullet in Hermitage. He has 10 years' of experience in both fields.

"Really, it's a service I was just trying to provide for the students," Short said.

Brummage's services are available by appointment only on Wednesdays. Appointments are necessary because the salon does not act as a full time tattoo parlor. The artist must prepare for each client, bringing the appropriate tools and supplies.

Clients receive many different services, including a range of piercings, original tattoo designs and tattoo re-colorings and touchups.

Short realized the services were a first for New Wilmington and knew there would be mixed reactions.

"I assume that there are some raised eyebrows," she said, "but I'm not trying to be a tattoo parlor."

Short was also careful to make sure the collaboration was legal in the borough.

"I talked to someone on borough council and checked the ordinances to make sure I could have tattoos and piercings," Short said.

Because getting a tattoo or piercing is such a big step, Brummage encourages people to check up on their artist.

"You don't have to be licensed in PA to pierce or tattoo, but I am licensed through the state of OH," Brummage said. "Whenever you do a tattoo on somebody, they have an open wound; it's serious."

Brummage has tattoo customers returning already from this location. Short knows firsthand the quality of service Brummage provides.

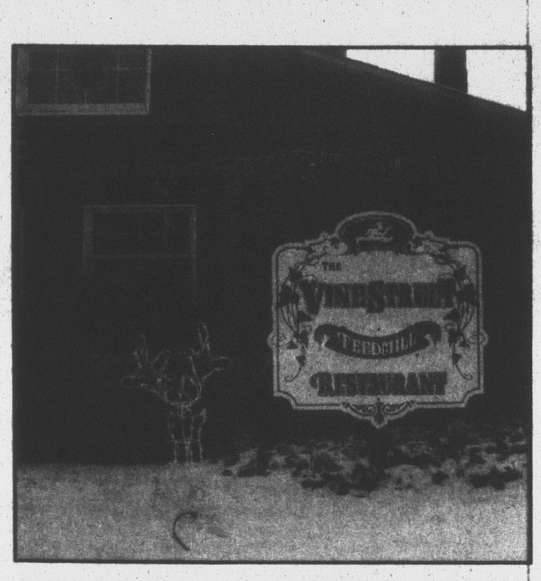
"He pierced my daughter's nose," Short said. "I'm impressed with his work."

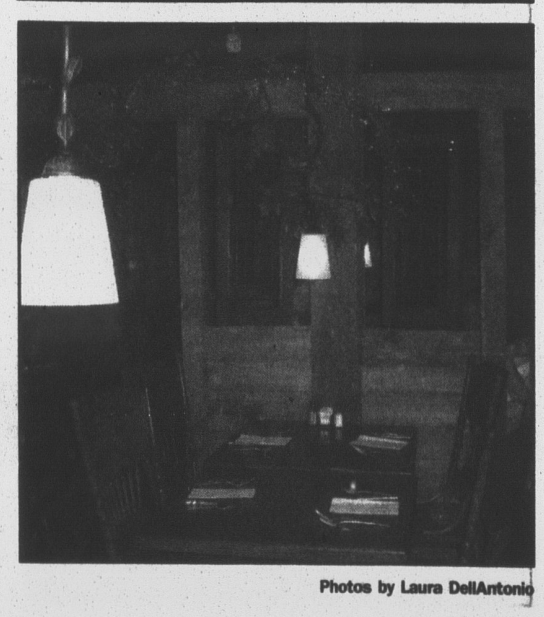
Many residents are excited to see change in the town, including Lisa DiDesiderio.

"I've lived here all my life, and I enjoy any business that offers something interesting and new," DiDesiderio said.

Feedmill is a Town treat

By Sarah Kramer
Campus writer





Photos by Laura DellAntonio

For students, homemade soups, pastas and desserts are now less than a block away. Two cousins recently reopened a popular local eatery.

Daryl Quimby and Terry Black, owners of The Vine Street Feed Mill Restaurant, opened their doors on Nov. 15. The restaurant is open 7 days a week until 8 p.m., except Sundays when it closes at 7.

"We want the students to know we support them," Black said. "We offer a 15 percent college discount."

The restaurant opens for lunch at 11 a.m., serving a variety of options.

"We kept six sandwiches from the original Feed Mill menu, and added some of our own," Quimby said.

One of the new sandwiches is "The Titan," a large grilled steak hoagie. The menu also includes lunch entrees, such as ham loaf. All entrees come complete with choice of soup or salad, choice of potato, vegetable of the day, and bread.

The dinner menu offers a selection. Diners can choose from lighter meals such as dinner salads or sandwiches. Pasta, seafood, and even beef tips are some of the dinner entrees. Dinner prices range from $7.95 for salad to $17.95 for beef tips. Specials are also offered for both meals.

The cousins are already planning for warm weather dining.

"We plan to have outside grilling with lamb and chicken," Quimby said.

Many local residents have enjoyed the dining since the reopening. New Wilmington resident Talbot Reiber is among them.

"The ambiance as I stepped in was friendly," Reiber said. "I knew that I would have a good meal."

The restaurant is preparing for the holidays by taking reservations on seasonal parties. The separate banquet room accommodates over 40 people. There are no room reservation fees for a banquet.

"We can accommodate college groups, like fraternities or sororities, for banquet parties," Black said.

More news from around the campus

Townhouse information released

Students learn costs, application process, living arrangements, rules for new buildings

By Colin Dean
Co-editor-in-chief

Information was released to students Monday, December 5 regarding the application process, cost and terms of living in the Berlin Village townhouses.

More than 40 students eager to learn the details regarding the townhouses attended the midday meeting. The majority were juniors, but a small number of sophomores also attended.

The deciding factor for many students wanting to live in the townhouses is the cost.

Compared to this year's room and board, which is $6,200 on average including an $850 meal plan and a $550 dining services fee each semester, the cost of the townhouses would be $6,500 according to Molly Mistretta, associate dean of student affairs. This includes a $500 meal plan and a pro-rated dining services fee based on the projected usage of the dining facilities.

"All of the other colleges we looked at had meal plans, including fifty percent of the state schools we looked at," said Mistretta. "Some of them required a full meal plan."

Mistretta explained that, at other schools, parents often put money onto a student's debit (Titan dollars at Westminster) in order to make sure that the student does not have to worry about money and can still eat what works out to five meals per week. By instead having a meal plan, students save ten percent on purchases in the TUB and cafeteria that they would probably already make with or without a meal plan.

Each student living in the townhouses will be required to place a $650 security/damage deposit when signing the lease in order to ensure his or her committment to live in the townhouses. This $650 is equivalent of one month's rent, the standard deposit for an apartment.

Should a student default on the agreement or damage something within the townhouse, the student could lose the deposit. Mistretta said that the money would probably be refunded at the end of the year if there is no damage.

Students recieving financial aid will need to contact the financial aid office about the deposit. The business office is still determining if the deposit will be added to a student's bill or if it must be paid out-of-pocket.

The Board of Trustees will officially set the costs in February.

In order to design an application process, Student Affairs looked at the way Bethany, Thiel, Allegheny, Walsh, Geneva, Mount Union and W&J handle their apartments and consulted a committee of administrators and a committee of SGA senators.

Applications to live in the townhouses will be available when students return from Christmas break on Jan. 16. They will be due Feb. 15 and the results will be posted in the Student Affairs office Feb. 17.

Groups of four students of the same sex will fill out an application and be judged on a point system based on three categories. Each student will score points based on the number of years he or she has lived on campus, his or her cumulative grade point average, and his or her judicial history. The sum of each group member's points will be the deciding factor as to what groups will be permitted to lease a townhouse.

For each semester a student has lived on campus, he or she will be given a point. If a student transferred in for the spring semester of a year or was abroad for either semester, he or she will still get both points for that year.

Each student in the applying group is required to have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 for the group to even be considered for a townhouse lease. Students with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher will benefit, though. The group will gain a point for each student above a 3.0.

Each group member's judicial history could possibly deduct from the group's point total. Minor infractions of the college's policy, such as escort or visitation rules violations, would count as a point against the group. Larger infractions, such as violation of state or federal laws, would count as two points against the group's total.

Fortunately for students whose behavior was less than angelic in his or her freshman year, any infractions during that year are not counted against the group. Also, parking tickets are not considered.

A number of students expressed concern that each students' total amount of credits was not being taken into consideration. Matt Shaffer, assistant director of Residence Life, cited that students in majors such as music have the need to take more credits per semester than other majors in order to graduate on time. Considering credits, then, would put some students at an unfair advantage over others.

"[We wanted to] even the playing field a bit," explained Shaffer.

Students planning on going abroad in the fall or spring of next year who want to live in the townhouses the semester opposite their journey should talk with Mistretta before turning in an application.

"We want to be flexible," said Mistretta.

Once accepted, each group will sign a lease and give its deposits to the school. In order to sign the lease, each student will need proof of registration. According to Mistretta, a schedule print-out from early registration or from the online WebStudent service will suffice.

Students will be allowed to move into their townhouses in August. Mistretta explained that the townhouses would be ready in time for camps, such as the football and band camps, which arrive in mid-August.

The planned lease lasts for ten months and includes winter break, so students living in the townhouses who wish to stay on-campus over breaks may do so. Students would need to move out shortly after commencement.

The specific lease length will be available closer to the lease signing day.

Many students at the meeting expressed concern about the visitation hours and other rules, such as alcohol and quiet hours.

Mistretta explained that the common areas of each unit, i.e. the living room, kitchen and foyer, will be treated as the lobby of dorms are treated – open to visitors all the time. However, the bedrooms will be treated as dorm rooms are treated, with visitation hours from 11 a.m. to midnight each weekday and open on the weekend. Alcohol is not permitted and quiet hours are the same as the dorms.

Enforcement of these rules will be left to the students in each unit, as the residence assistant will primarily function as a manager and support person for the townhouses. The RA will be selected during the normal RA selection process, live in a separate apartment and have mostly administrative duties – no duty rounds.

"There's more facility to manage than students," added Mistretta. "The RA would be more likely to solve problems regarding who was supposed to do the dishes or who's eating who's food."

According to Mistretta, parking should not be too much of a problem, as the Eichenauer lot is being expanded to handle the townhouses as well.

Mistretta expressed her confidence in the students to respect the rules and their roommates.

"[We believe you're] mature and ready to handle the responsibility," said Mistretta to the students gathered at the meeting.

According to Mistretta, all of the information covered at the meeting will be online at the Residence Life section of the college website. The site also has building plans and layout diagrams, as well as artist's renderings of the interior and exterior.

Want to see the townhouse information?
Click online to
www.westminster.edu/reslife/reslife_berlin.cfm

Doc Alert

Flu news you can use

What is "the flu"? Should I be concerned? What happens if I get the flu?

Influenza, "the flu," is a highly contagious viral illness marked by fever, muscle aches, cough, headache, and fatigue. The infection is generally self-limited and lasts only two to five days on average, although it can persist for more than a week. Though influenza is considered a respiratory illness, the symptoms can vary from person to person. Some patients may experience primarily cold-like symptoms, while others may have fever and muscle aches and little respiratory involvement.

So what's the big deal? Well, those at high risk may develop complications of the flu, possibly leading to death. As a healthy college student without medical problems, you have a high risk of contracting the flu; however it is very unlikely that you would develop complications.

Influenza is caused by the influenza A or B virus. Outbreaks of influenza occur worldwide, mainly during the winter season. Once introduced to an area, influenza spreads quickly, typically affecting 10 to 20 percent of the population, although outbreaks affecting more than 50 percent have occurred. The influenza virus is spread person-to-person via infected respiratory secretions. Because flu spreads easily, attack rates can be particularly high among individuals living in an institutionalized setting such as schools or long term care facilities.

As noted, symptoms usually improve over two to five days, although the illness may last for a week or more. Occasionally, weakness and fatigue may persist for several weeks. The treatment of influenza generally focuses on relieving symptoms and includes:

1. Rest until the flu is fully resolved, especially if the illness has been severe
2. Fluids to maintain adequate hydration
3. Acetaminophen (such as Tylenol and other brands) to relieve fever, headache, and muscle aches. (Aspirin, and medicines with aspirin as an ingredient, should be avoided) 4. Cough suppressants can be used if the cough is particularly bothersome, but in most cases, the cough is self-limited and does not require specific therapy.

Antibiotics are not prescribed unless the patient develops a bacterial complication of the flu such as bacterial pneumonia, ear infection, or sinusitis. Antivirals, (ie Tamiflu) can be prescribed to shorten the course if taken within 72 hours of onset of symptoms.

For more information see the CDC's (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) website: www.cdc.gov/flu/keyfacts.htm

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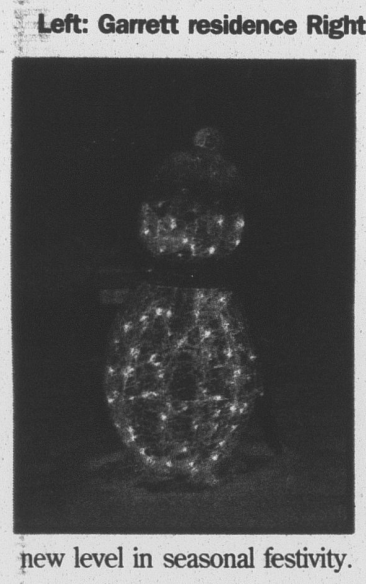
Lighting up the town

New Wilmington residents light up in holiday style...

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Photos by Alex Hines

Left: Garrett residence Right: Bair residence



By Alex Hines
Campus Writer

Now that December has rolled around, people have started to break out their Christmas decorations for the holiday season. One of the first things that people will notice on most houses is the strings of lights that make homes look that much more festive. Here in New Wilmington, such lights are a common sight; however, two local families have taken the concept of decorating their houses for their holidays to a new level in seasonal festivity.

The houses of the Bair family on New Castle Street and the Garrett family on Vine Street have attracted attention as two of the biggest local light displays in town. The Garretts, though relatively new to New Wilmington, having moved here from Quaker Valley in 2003, haven't wasted any time in making an impression in the community come Christmastime. Their display contains the accumulation of 20 years' worth of lights.

According to Jodi Garrett, there's always something new in their display. This year, it happens to be an additional light-up reindeer and waving Santa.

Putting this display up every year is no small effort either, as it takes around twenty hours, with a team effort from Garrett and her husband Jim. The work is usually started before Thanksgiving Day, but the lights don't come on until after Thanksgiving.

Even though a lot of work goes into their house each year, that's not to say that they don't have a sense of humor about some parts of the job as well.

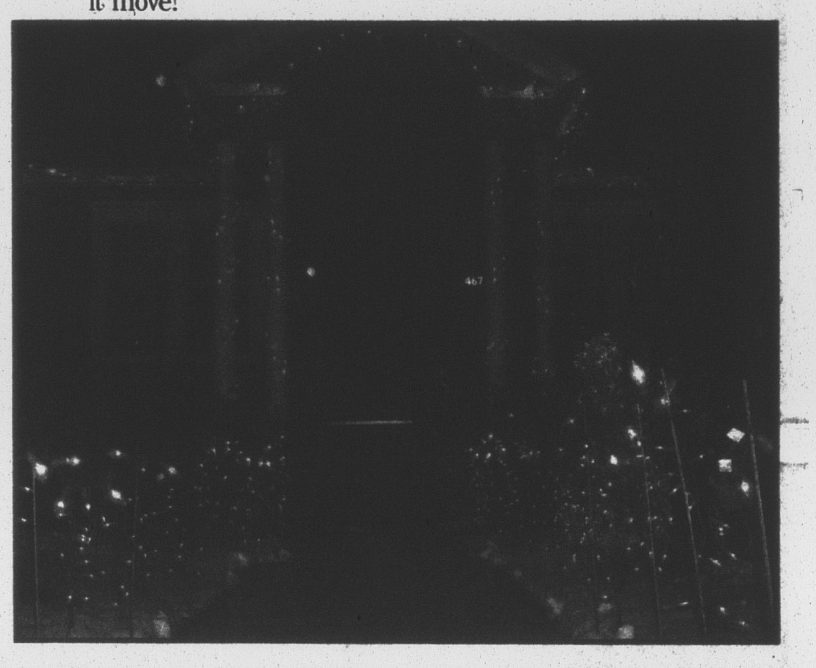
"Every so often, I'll catch [Jim] hoarding lights in the back of his truck," said Garrett. She also jokes that, since they've moved, their next-door neighbors seem to have a few more lights up on their homes as well. "People will ask us, 'Is that overflow?' when they see the houses beside us," said Garrett.

The Garrett house isn't the only one in town with quite a display. The Bair house, across from the Sigma Phi Epsilon parking lot on New Castle Street, has been a Christmas tradition for about fifteen years now. In the Bair house, Christie Bair is the mastermind behind the display. She started really getting into the decorations in 1990. At first, she only put lights on the bushes, but after that she progressed to the pillars in front of her house, and then to nurse the habit, she started decorating anything and everything that happened to be in their front yard.

Bair also tries to add at least one thing to her display every year, and this year is no different. She added a light-up penguin and seal, as well as a nativity scene. Bair's favorite decoration though, is the polar bear that stands in their front yard.

Bair, who works with the New Wilmington Fire Department as an EMT, also hears a few jokes from time to time. The one she hears most is that, failing anything else on a snowy winter day, their house could be used for a beacon for any helicopters that may have to fly in.

Both of these families will keep the Christmas spirit alive in New Wilmington in years to come, and in Bair's case, she even has her eyes on another piece of equipment for their yard. She next hopes to pick up a carousel for the display. "I don't know if it moves or not, but chances are, I'll find a way to make it move!"



"Alabamer" slammer

"Boston" wets tongue with some smooth southern comfort at the U.S. Open in Alabama

By "Huey" Hothem
Staff writer

Last weekend one of Westminster's own had the prestigious honor of swimming in the U.S. Open in Alabama against some of the world's fastest swimmers—including the current world record holder, Pieter van den Hoogenband. Junior Ryan Trunk, affectionately known as "Boston," qualified for the esteemed invitational last March while swimming at the Division III Nationals in Michigan.

Trunk, arriving at the meet positioned with a 56th seed entry, swam his way into Finals, and attained 24th place, thus achieving his goal for the weekend.

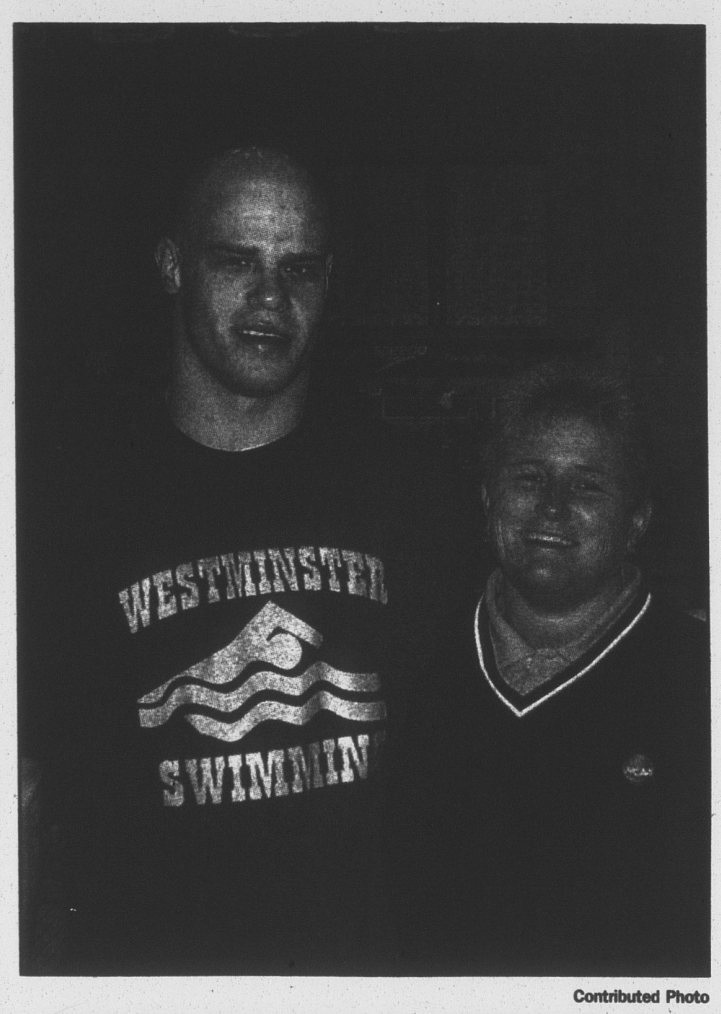
"It was a good learning experience for me to swim against the world's fastest swimmers," Trunk reflected. "It was also a great step for our program to obtain national recognition."

Trunk currently ties David Gesacion in holding the most Westminster Swimming Records in the college's history. Trunk holds three individual records—the 50 yard freestyle, 100 yard freestyle, and 200 yard freestyle—and shares the 200 yard freestyle relay record with senior Kevin Gesacion, junior Shaun MacNamara, and sophomore Thomas Benoit.

"Trunk is the fastest swimmer Westminster has ever seen," says teammate and roommate Matthew Kerns. "It is truly a privilege to swim with him. He pushes everyone on the team to work harder and helps bring our program to another level."

Unfortunately, schedule conflictions between the U.S. Open and the College of Wooster Invitational forced Trunk to leave the College of Wooster Invitational after only the first day of competition—the day wherein Trunk broke the 50 yard freestyle record. Yet Trunk communicated with his team through frequent phone calls to show his sincere concern with how his teammates swam.

"It was very difficult for me to leave my teammates at Wooster. It's always fun to help my team dominate Division II schools," Trunk said. "I was happy to hear how well they did, as they won by over 500 points. I would rather not focus on myself, though, and focus attention to how well our team looks this year. We're strong and I'm excited to see how we'll perform at PACs and Nationals."



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Junior Ryan Trunk pauses for a moment with Tammy Swearingen at the U.S. Open in Alabama. Trunk attained 24th place in the nation in men's swimming.

Jason Mackey
Sports Editor

What was I thinking?

It's finals week, my brain is scattered, and the Steelers lost. I hate sports, I quit.

Obviously that attitude is unacceptable here at the Holcad, so I intend to press on as we approach the holidays. This week's column may not make the most sense, or any sense for that matter. However, at least you will know what's going on in my scattered and deep fried brain.

The following are a collection of random thoughts currently flowing through my head. Some are sports related and some are not. If you don't like them, sorry. If you do, jump up and applaud.

Trai Essex and Max Starks should be embarrassed. The two offensive (Pun intended) tackles for the Steelers singlehandedly ruined my Sunday afternoon. Ben Roethlisberger should feel more confident with Harry Dunn and Lloyd Christmas protecting him.

I've instantly become a Notre Dame fan. The Fighting Irish face Ohio State in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. I hate Ohio State. I love Brady Quinn. He's my best friend.

Remember when the Penguins were actually good? I do. I was seven.

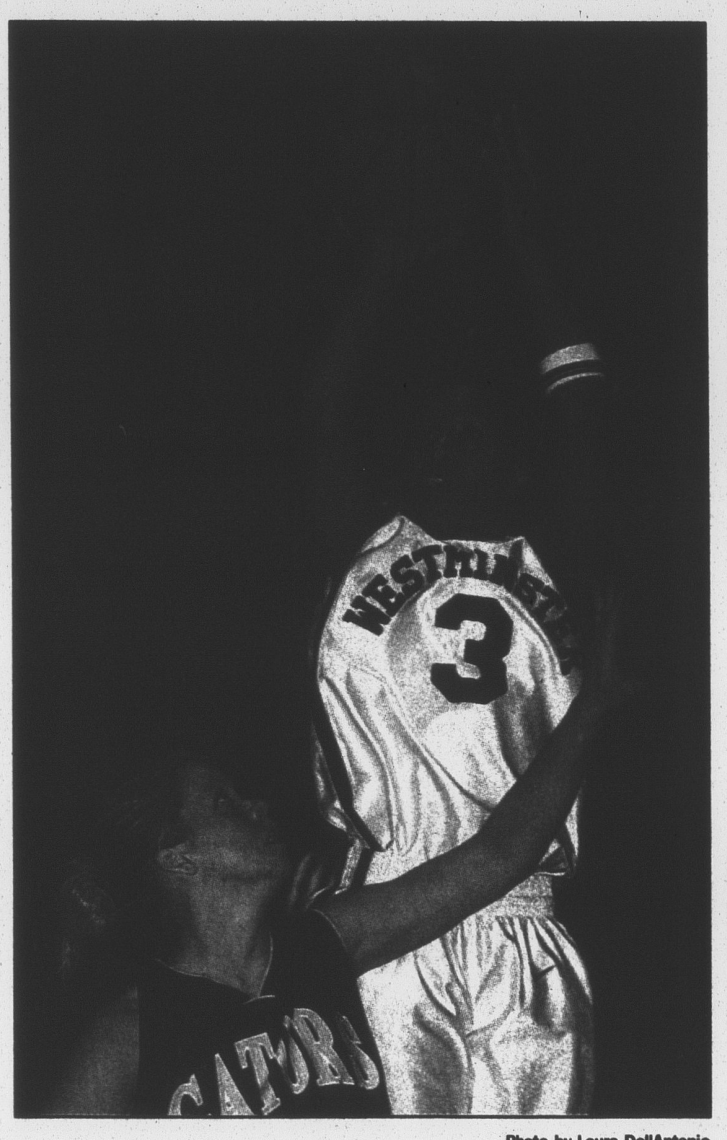
It's incredibly convenient when the campus network shuts down in the final two weeks of class. Trust me, our schedule stops and starts with the network. It wasn't a problem.

Egg Nog is my second best friend, next to Brady Quinn.

I love trying to navigate Thomson Clark after 10 p.m. I've always wondered what it was like to escape from Alcatraz.

Parking ticket writing on this campus should be an intercollegiate sport. I smell a BCS berth and an NCAA Championship.

Jason Mackey is a senior broadcast communications major. He also meets the mandatory "Abercrombie Requirement" for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.



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Desiree Sterling takes a shot over a Lady Gator.

Lady Titan basketball

Home loss against Allegheny

The Titan women's basketball team fell to 0-7 on the season tonight at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium, as the Lady Titan cagers dropped a 61-48 decision to visiting Allegheny College (3-4).

Westminster, already depleted due to injury, took another hit when sophomore leading scorer Emilee Ackerman (12.9 ppg) left the contest due to injury just two minutes into the game and did not return. Despite the loss, the Lady Titans battled the Gators nip-and-tuck through the opening 20 minutes. Allegheny closed the half with a quick 4-0 spurt in the final 11 seconds to turn a 25-25 tie into a 29-25 halftime advantage. Westminster got no closer than three points (the last at 37-34 with 17:13 to play) in the second half, as the Gators steadily increased the lead through the remainder of the period.

Allegheny placed three scorers in double figures, led by Courtney Steding with a game-high 18 points. For Westminster, sophomore forward Terese Marszalek posted team-high totals of 16 points and eight rebounds in the loss. Junior guard Nicole Fee also grabbed eight boards for the Lady Titans, while classmate Desiree Sterling dished out a team-high four assists.

Westminster outrebounded Allegheny 42-35 in the contest, but the Lady Titans committed 25 turnovers to just 12 for the Gators.

The Lady Titan cagers will look for their first win of the season this Saturday (Dec. 10), when Westminster travels to face Pitt-Greensburg in a non-conference game beginning at 2 p.m.

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Dancin' the night away

The dance team comes together for a perfect photo opportunity during one of its performances

Best Eggs
of the week

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This guy has got to be burning up! It's the Allegheny Gator.

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Emilee Ackerman with a career high 27 points and an unfortunate injury.

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Terese Marszalek had a career high, 16 points and 9 rebounds.

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Freshman Steve Bielich with 15 points 15 rebounds and 7 blocks.

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Craig Hannon makes layup with 9 seconds left to tie game.

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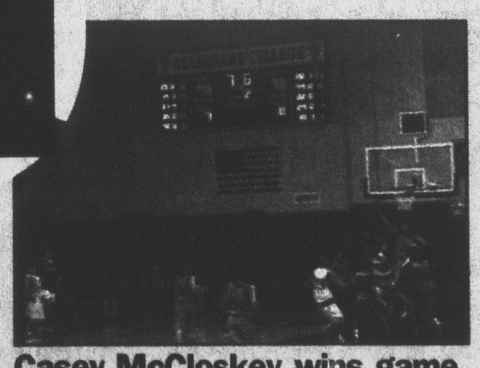


Casey McCloskey wins game with six seconds left.

Each week watch Justin Egley crack into some of the best plays of the week on the *County Line* on the Westminster College Cable Network, Channel 9, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

A&E Arts & Entertainment

Ice Harvest
Cool and collected

Sherri Breitigan
A&E Editor

Billy Bob Thornton has a way of coming out with traditional Christmas movies around this time of year. If you couldn't sense my sarcasm, I suggest you rent last year's Christmas flick Bad Santa; it's for a good raunchy laugh. Anyway, I saw Thornton and John Cusack's latest movie, The Ice Harvest, which is what Jeff Bersett would call "the caper film run amok." Despite being a rather disturbing film focused around Christmastime, I found it to be quite entertaining.

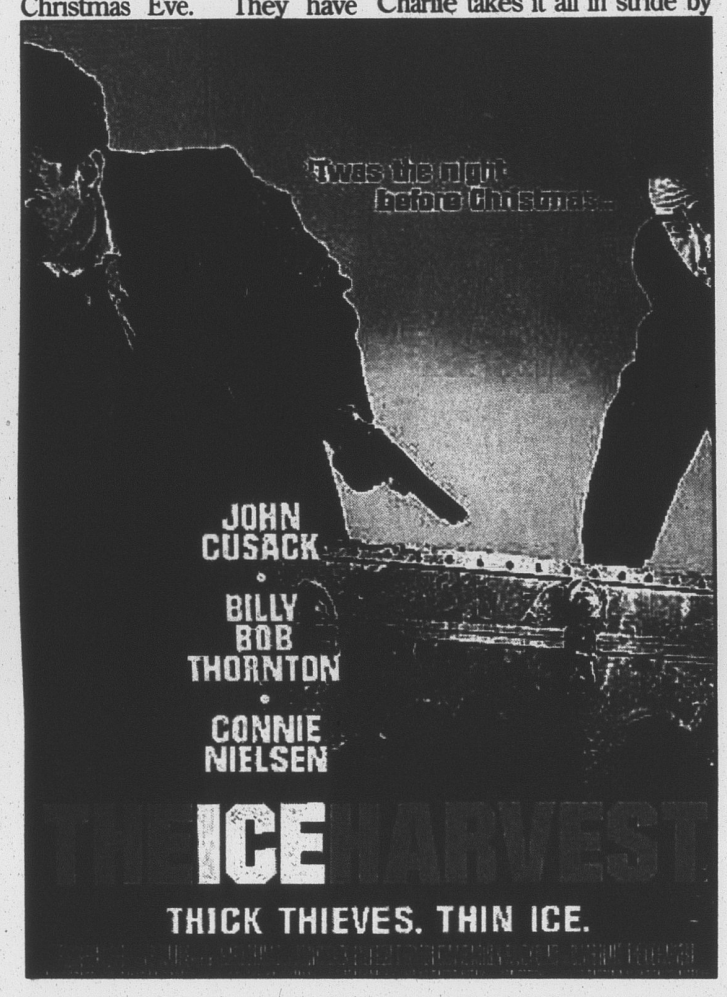
Cusack plays Charlie Arglist, a big-shot mob lawyer who decides to enter in a scheme with fellow mob man Vic Cavanaugh (Thornton). They manage to steal about two million dollars by skimming the profits from the mob's lucrative topless business. All of this occurs on the most holy of thieving days – Christmas Eve. They have the money in the discreet black bag, now they just have to hide out from mob boss Guerrard until they can catch a plane to Anywhere But U.S.A.

After Charlie leaves Vic to hide the money, he notices that the looming figure of Roy Gelles, (the mob's "break your knees" man) is hot on his trail. In addition, Charlie is left to take care of his drunken friend Pete (Oliver Platt), who is now married to Charlie's ex-wife (who wears flannel one-piece pajamas). Sounds like a super Christmas. However, Charlie takes it all in stride by nursing his flask the entire night. I really can't recall a scene where he wasn't drinking, but this guy can really hold his liquor.

Anyway, throughout the night things just seem to take continuous turns for the worse. If you have seen another caper film, Fargo, then you'll notice that there are similarities. In addition to trying to live through the night, Charlie still tries to win over the sexy and smart girl. Connie Nielsen plays the femme fatale, Renata, who runs one of the topless joints with ruthless efficiency. Throw her in the mix, and you're not really sure who you can trust in this film. There's murder, dismemberment and the expected drop-off of bodies in the frozen lake in the Kansas prairie. All of this crime is depicted tastefully and in that dark humorous fashion that makes it a little easier to swallow.

The cinematography in this film adds to the title, since everything is pretty icy. Not only with the freezing rain and the frozen prairie, but all of the houses have an icy exterior which comments well on the characters and their lives. So if you're in the mood for something non-traditional for the holidays, I recommend seeing The Ice Harvest. Get ready for an hour and a half of unexpected twists and dark comedy.

Rating: B



Sherri is a junior English major with a film studies minor. Sherri is known to be gruff until she's had her daily caffeine fix. Of course, after the gruffness clears, she'll never stop yammering in your ear.

Amish paradise

Kathryn Larson
Co-editor-in-chief

On my first day here at the college, I wore a new pair of burgundy Franco Swarto patent leather size 6 ½ swing backs with three-inch heels.

Walking along Westminster Drive in pensive thought, I passed a nice young lad.

I looked up, gentle reader, to see if my eye could spy a bowtie.

Alas, he was not bowtie material.

I looked away and sighed.

Then, gentle reader, the young lad had the audacity to chuckle.

With a swooping hand-gesture, he said, "Always be sure to look three ways...left, right and down."

At first, I found his advice bizarre.

But as I looked down at my lovely polished heels, I realized I had chunks of dung clinging to the soles.

I learned fast- I was living in Amish Paradise.

A few weeks ago, broadcast journalism major Melissa Depaul and I went "Amish hunting."

We decided before we graduated to get one on camera. This was an all day event-and no easy accomplishment.

Most Amish shied away from our eager questioning advances; however, master carpenter Andrew C. Byler, Jr. allowed us a sneak-peak into their clandestine lifestyle. H

Hopefully this little list will help you see that the Amish are more than horse and buggies, homemade jams, breads, clothes, quilts and dung.

1). **Photo shy?** Not really, the Amish don't mind their photo taken or a camera in their face. Like anyone, you just need to ask permission. ((Byler's photo is on the front page))

2). **What about that blue door myth?** In case you weren't aware, many non-Amish believe a blue door on an Amish home indicates a young daughter coming of age. In other words, she's marrying material. "It's just not true," Byler vehemently said. "That's a wife's tale. My mother had three boys- and she had a blue door." Byler added.

3). **Why do they sound kinda funny?** Their first language is German. If you'd like to speak their Pennsylvania Dutch vernacular, Byler recommends a few of these turns of phrase:
Wie bist du? (*vi-bist-du*) - How are you?
Alle gut (*alee-goot*) - Pretty good

4). **Where did they come from?** New Wilmington Amish Outlet owner William Abranovich says the Amish began more than 100 years ago. They were breaking away from the Catholic church and were a split off the Anabaptists. William Penn invited them to settle here, but Abranovich says they had "one little problem." Allegedly the Amish aren't the swearing kinds. That means they wouldn't put their hands over any Bible to swear their oath of allegiance to the king. Luckily, the king of England granted them a "special proclamation" instead.

5). **So...why are they old-fashioned?** They follow the Bible verse "to be separate from the world." "As the world modernized, they stayed behind, but for many years they were still main-stream," Abranovich said. "It's really just been in the last 50 years their culture has been noticed," Abranovich added.

6). **Dude...where's my buggy?** Just like most of us at the age of 16 getting the keys to our new cars, the Amish follow this tradition as well - well, with a buggy and horse of course. Typically the Amish don't go very far. "I travel about five or six miles at most," Byler said.

7). **Don't they marry at like 13?** Well, maybe not that young but soon thereafter Byler says. In order to marry, young Amish must make a public decision to join the church. This typically comes around the age of 17. You can not marry until you have joined.

8). **Do they have heat?** No, not really. When it is cold outside Byler says they all huddle around their wood burning stove. "We make lots of bread and pies and such," Byler said. Now, as for driving around in the buggy during the cold snowy season-the Amish can't turn on the heat. "No, we just load up the buggy with lots of blankets and huddle for warmth," Byler said.

9). **Medicinal tricks:** The Amish know a lot of home remedies. They don't visit the doctor. Two tricks you might try include putting mint leaves in your shoes to cure Athlete's foot and rubbing aloe on scrapes.

Faraone Brothers
Big portions and tasty dishes make for a gourmet event

Leah Mazzocca
Food Writer

So the laziness of winter has finally set in, and I don't ever want to go out in the snow unless I have a sled. On Sunday, I decided to take advantage of the people who drive around carrying food—delivery boys. If you read a few articles ago, you realize Domino's is not my favorite food provider. So they were out. Another thing to take into account…I must have Italian food on Sundays. That's just how I roll. What to do?

Faraone Brothers, located directly behind the Sheetz being built on 18, has pizza, pasta, sandwiches, wings, appetizers, and anything my little Italian heart could desire. To top it off, they deliver!

My order included homemade cavatelli, side salad, garlic bread, and cheesy bread. I can handle a lot of Italian food, and I couldn't even finish. That shows that the portion sizes were admirable. My roommate had the rest and enjoyed it very much.

Other pasta dishes are homemade ravioli, spaghetti, and ziti. You can add eggplant to any pasta dish. Pizzas are also available with the usual toppings, or get a specialty pizza, such as eggplant, veggie ranch, BBQ chicken, super fresh, and swine divine. Next time I'd like to try some sandwiches. I think the steak and cheese, ham and cheese and homemade meatball sound delicious. There is also a "Chicken Choice" offering grilled, breaded, or parmesan.

If your friends are ordering Italian and you're not in the mood, you can order a basket of chicken fingers, fish, or shrimp, which are accompanied by fries. For the healthy folk, there are garden, chicken, or steak salads that include ranch, French, Italian, lite, sweet and sour, or bleu cheese dressings.

Not only is there a New Castle location that delivers to Westminster, but there is also the main location in Sharon on West State Street downtown. Monday through Thursday Faraone Bros. is open from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. They are open until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and close at 7 p.m. on Sundays.

So if you have the need for Italian food on Sundays or on any day of the week when you don't want to leave the dorm, call Faraone Bros! You have my recommendations.

Leah Mazzocca is a junior elementary education major. She took the food critic position to avoid eating in the cafeteria as much as possible.

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A forgotten campus Christmas present

Before 1970 students had to attend classes on Saturdays

By Josh Hensler
Campus writer

For most students, the weekend is the light at the end of the tunnel, a chance to relax and catch up on some much-needed sleep. Before 1970, however, many colleges—including Westminster—had classes on Saturdays.

Before 1970, Westminster used an academic calendar that required classes to be held on Saturdays. In 1970, Westminster and 300 other colleges decided to try a new schedule. First, the college developed a course unit system of credit that made all courses equal in academic value. Westminster also adopted the 4-1-4 calendar. In this system, students took four classes in both the fall and spring semesters and one course in the interim in January. As a result, students had classes four days per week. While there may have been no Saturday classes, class times were longer in order to ensure that classes met for the required amount of time.

"With this system, an attempt was made to have Wednesday as a study day," library archivist Dewey Dewitt said.

In addition, students usually took classes in the January term for three of the four terms they were a student. The January term was a time to try new and different kinds of courses to allow for a well-rounded academic career.

St. Olaf College in Minnesota still practices the 4-1-4 calendar year.

According to their Web site, "This schedule improves the quality of instruction by concentrating student effort on fewer courses at one time; by providing an opportunity for independent study for students at some time during the four years; by providing opportunities for students with special abilities through programs of departmental and interdepartmental distinction; by providing integration of intellectual experiences and philosophy of life through interdisciplinary and capstone courses; and by allowing for students to complete more than one major."

This system did not work for long, though.

"It eventually failed, causing the college to use a five-day week schedule," Dewitt said.

The system now used at Westminster is a modification of the 4-1-4 system.

As the weekend approaches and the anxiety subsides, remember that before 1970 the luxury and relaxation associated with the weekend would not exist.

Image by enterprising Alex Hines

In another time, co-editor Colin Dean sits front left irately. Clearly, he isn't happy about Saturday school or the fact that he and his classmates are dressed very post-modern for the 1970s. Co-editor Kathryn Larson sits back left and thinks Mr. Dean would look better in a bowtie. She daydreams of the sleep she'll be getting after class and exams.

A Blast from the Past

By Leanna Stitt
Staff writer

Turn the clocks back thirty years and Westminster looks a lot more like the Grove City of today. If you think the current regulations and policies cause nightmares, imagine for a moment what it would be like to be a student here when mandated curfews existed. To get some insight into the past, I put my go-go boots on, grabbed my peace necklace and went to interview Dr. Gary Lilly, the Sociology Department Chair and 1969 graduate of Westminster.

From 1965-1969, Lilly witnessed blatant sexism on campus from the regulated curfews to the stringent dress code made solely for women. According to Lilly, "this place was terribly sexist."

On weeknights, freshmen women were required to be in their dormitory by 10 p.m. and upperclass women were required to be in by 11. On top of this, on the weekends all women needed to be in by midnight, although three one o'clock allotments were allowed per semester. These strict curfews only applied women, as men were left with no particular rules of the sort. Lilly said that even though these rules were strictly enforced, they of course were still broken.

"Most students found it easier to individually evade the rules instead of collectively defying them," Lilly stated.

If you were a female Westminster student in the late 1960s, you could forget about having a wide selection of women sports to choose from. Actually, field hockey and a "precision aquatics" swim club were pretty much the extent of female sport options.

In addition to curfews and a lack of sports, women were also subject to a rigorous dress code which enforced only wearing skirts to class. In fact, sporting events were the only place where women could legally wear "slacks."

This time though, men did not walk away empty-handed. Men were required to abide by the special dress code for the library which prohibited wearing shorts inside the confines. Believe it or not, an actual incident of civil disobedience took place when an assortment of men protested these codes.

They walked into the library and stayed there clothed in their Bermuda shorts. Although this failed to revolutionize the library regulation, it would be intriguing to witness a student protest on this campus.

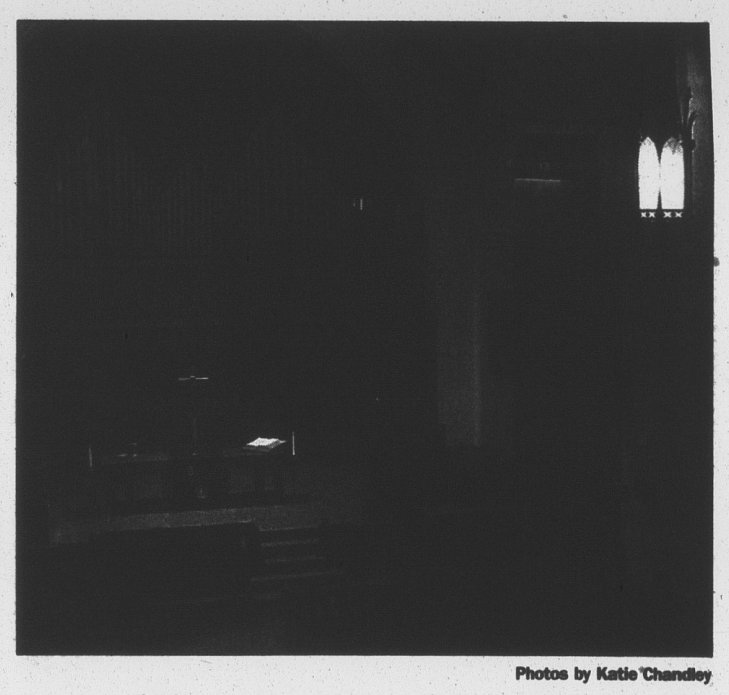
Because the college adopted a philosophy of en loco parentes, it claimed the responsibility of taking the temporary role of parents while students were away from home. Along with this came policies on drinking and chapel attendance. A universal prohibition policy was enforced not only on campus, but surprisingly also in fraternity houses. Students faced expulsion if caught drinking since there was no judicial board or due process law which would allow for the intermediary steps that exist today.

"I remember going to a frat party and no one was drunk," Lilly said, "I never saw anything more than a single 6-pack of beer in a frat house." If drinking occurred, Lilly stated that students traveled across the Ohio border to do so.

Along with prohibition, chapel requirements on campus were enforced to an extreme. During Lilly's time, chapel was required twice a week and this was regulated through individualized chapel cards that needed to be stamped to prove attendance. Only three absences were permitted per semester and if this was violated, a student's credit hours were docked at the semester end. In the 1950s, chapel was required a whopping five times a week!

Times have changed at Westminster and thank goodness for that!

"Westminster changed substantially between when I left in 1969 and when I came back to teach in 1977," Lilly said. Transformations mainly took place in the gradual secularization of the college by the newly inducted President Earl Carlson, the first non-Presbyterian President at Westminster.



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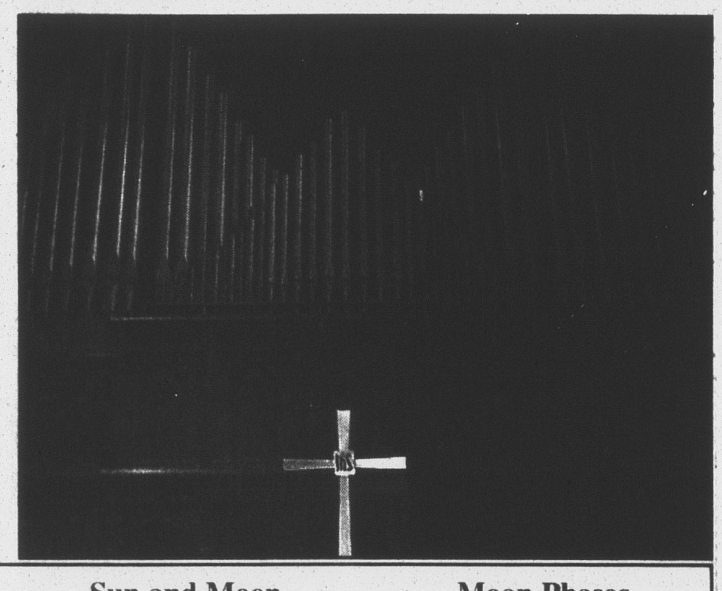
In the 1950s, students were required to attend chapel five times a week.



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		COLD		COLD		
High	High 33	High 32	High 30	High 35	High 36	High 36
Low	Low 24	Low 24	Low 23	Low 25	Low 24	Low 23
Snow tapering to flurries	Partly sunny; very cold	Very cold with flurries	Very cold with flurries	Snow and sleet possible	Cloudy	Overcast with snow possible

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday	7:35 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Saturday	7:36 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Sunday	7:36 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Monday	7:37 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Tuesday	7:38 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
	Moonrise	**Moonset**
Friday	1:22 p.m.	12:57 a.m.
Saturday	1:45 p.m.	2:08 a.m.
Sunday	2:09 p.m.	3:19 a.m.
Monday	2:36 p.m.	4:31 a.m.
Tuesday	3:08 p.m.	5:42 a.m.

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Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Dec 15	Dec 23	Dec 30	Jan 6

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A snowstorm hit New York City's northern and western suburbs on Dec. 9, 1786. Morristown, N.J., received 21 inches, and New Haven, Conn., had 17 inches.

Regional Cities

City	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W	Monday Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Akron, OH	29	16	sf	32	23	pc	30	24	sf	31	23	sf	36	26	sf
Butler, PA	30	18	sn	32	24	sf	32	23	sf	30	22	sf	34	24	pc
Cambridge, OH	30	16	sf	37	21	pc	34	25	sf	34	22	sf	37	26	sf
Canton, OH	29	16	sf	31	22	pc	32	24	sf	32	23	sf	37	26	sf
Cincinnati, OH	30	18	sf	37	24	s	33	24	c	34	24	pc	42	27	pc
Clarion, PA	29	19	sn	29	21	sf	30	23	sf	30	22	sf	32	24	pc
Clarksburg, WV	31	20	sf	38	23	sf	34	24	sf	32	23	sf	39	25	sf
Cleveland, OH	28	20	sf	35	26	pc	34	26	sf	33	25	sf	37	27	sf
Columbus, OH	28	18	sf	34	24	pc	30	26	sf	32	24	sf	38	28	sf
Cumberland, MD	29	19	sn	35	23	sf	37	24	sf	34	23	sf	38	26	pc
Erie, PA	27	24	sn	34	27	sf	34	27	sf	32	26	sf	35	28	c
Franklin, PA	29	19	sn	28	21	sf	30	25	sf	30	24	sf	33	25	pc
Greensburg, PA	30	22	sn	35	24	sf	35	25	sf	32	25	sf	36	27	pc
Greenville, PA	29	19	sf	31	24	sf	32	24	sf	30	25	sf	35	25	sf
Grove City, PA	29	18	sn	31	23	sf	31	24	sf	30	23	sf	34	24	sf
Hagerstown, MD	33	21	sn	36	25	pc	39	25	pc	38	25	pc	32	27	pc
Indiana, PA	29	23	sn	38	26	sf	36	26	sf	32	26	sf	36	25	pc
Jamestown, NY	25	18	sn	27	23	sf	29	25	sf	28	21	sf	30	23	c
Kittanning, PA	30	21	sn	36	26	sf	35	25	sf	32	25	sf	36	26	pc
Lisbon, OH	29	18	sf	32	24	pc	32	25	sf	31	24	sf	37	26	sf
Mansfield, OH	28	16	sf	30	23	pc	26	23	sf	27	22	sf	37	25	sf
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McKeesport, PA	31	21	sn	33	24	sf	35	24	sf	32	24	sf	36	27	pc
Meadville, PA	29	19	sf	29	23	sf	32	23	sf	30	24	sf	33	25	sf
Morgantown, WV	32	21	sn	36	28	sf	34	27	sf	32	25	sf	32	26	sf
New Castle, PA	30	19	sf	33	25	sf	33	24	sf	31	24	sf	35	25	sf
Oil City, PA	27	20	sn	29	23	sf	31	24	sf	31	24	sf	34	26	pc
Pittsburgh, PA	30	19	sf	34	24	sf	34	26	sf	30	19	sf	30	21	sf
Sharon, PA	29	18	sf	32	24	sf	33	24	sf	30	25	sf	36	25	sf
Somerset, PA	24	17	sn	30	22	sf	31	23	sf	27	21	sf	31	24	pc
Steubenville, OH	31	21	sf	35	25	sf	35	26	sf	33	23	sf	37	25	sf
Uniontown, PA	30	20	sn	36	25	sf	38	25	sf	33	23	sf	38	26	pc
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Wooster, OH	28	16	sf	31	21	pc	31	25	sf	30	21	sf	37	25	sf
Zanesville, OH	30	16	sf	38	21	pc	34	26	sf	34	22	sf	38	26	sf

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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More news from the campus and community...

Real townhouse treasure

"You can occasionally see Ken [Rotar]using his metal detector on campus in the evenings." -Ken Romig, VP, FMS of college

Actual coins dating back to 1800's found near townhouses

By Lindsey Townsend
Campus writer

Ken Rotar, custodian, found a little piece of history in the field by the Russell dormitory.

Before the construction of the townhouses, Rotar discovered several coins dating back to the 1800's. Using metal detector, apparently he found this small fortune in the field next to Russell.

"You can occasionally see Ken using his metal detector on campus in the evenings," Ken Romig, vice president and FMS of the college said.

Students and faculty alike see Rotar from time to time, but many didn't realize that he had found something of significance.

Autumn Fink, a sophomore at the college was astounded by this news.

"He actually found something," Finke said.

I didn't know that our little college had anything to find!"

Another sophomore, Lois Tolvinksi had a similar reaction while laughing.

"I guess you never know what you're going to find when you use a metal detector," she said. "That's the beauty of it, because many hobbyists usually don't find anything of importance."

There are many types of metal detectors on the market. There are PI, or Pulse Induction, BF, or Beat Frequency detectors. The most common however, is the VLF, or Very low Frequency metal detector. So how does it work? In a VLF, there is a transmitter coils and a receiver coil. The transmitter coil is wrapped around the base circle where as the receiver coil is wrapped around the smaller, inner circle.

The transmitter sends magnetic pulses and the receiver, receives these pulses and makes a noise through which the person using the device is notified. Metal detectors can range from 100 to over 2000 dollars in a variety of styles, and accessories.

Keep a look out for Ken Rotar and encourage him to keep it up. Who knows what else may be lying around campus.

Aged Two Years

New Wilmington coffee house celebrates two year anniversary

By John Buco
Contributing writer

Mugsies coffeehouse will celebrate its second anniversary Dec. 10.

I know much of the campus and community are avid coffee drinkers.

Mochas, lattes, breves, espresso are all offered at Mugsies and are very popular. I also know that some will not touch coffee with a ten-foot pole.

I fall into the latter category. I never really liked the taste of coffee. Give me a good old Red Bull or Mountain Dew anytime if I need a jolt. It wasn't until this year that I realized that Mugsies was not just a place to get a good cup of coffee.

They have a wide variety of other drinks, too, including flavored teas, hot chocolate, fruit tea smoothies, Italian sodas, and my personal favorite—the Italian milkshake. In addition to the large array of drinks, Mugsies also serves many deli-style foods.

Wraps, salads, and soups are all included on their menu. Finally, one of my favorite things to do when I go into Mugsies is to peruse the dessert case.

I will take the "fat kid" stereotype if you can look me in the eye and tell me that you do NOT look at the desserts when you go into the store.

As for this Saturday, Mugsies will be having an open house from 2-4pm for anyone from the college and community to come in and eat, drink, or just sit down and relax.

There will be some free food and drinks, specialties only to be unveiled on that day, and live music provided by some of the select Westminster College brass.

There will also be a prize basket raffle. Not only does this give you a chance to sample some of the wonderful tastes Mugsies has to offer, it also allows you to enjoy the atmosphere and have a nice afternoon off before finals week begins.

This opportunity also gives you a chance to look at some of the Christmas gifts Mugsies has put together.

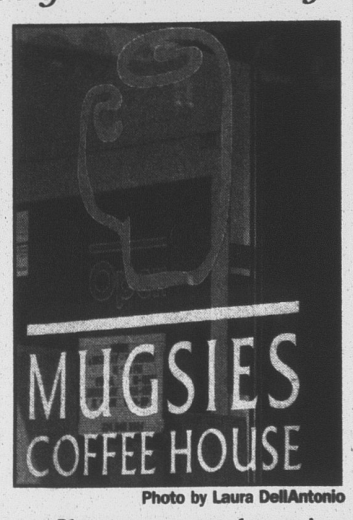


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

If someone you know is a big coffee or tea drinker, this might be the perfect opportunity to find a Christmas gift for them at a reasonable price.

As someone who just recently found the goodness that is Mugsies, I ask everyone to come on out and celebrate Mugsies 2-year anniversary and support what has now become an institution in New Wilmington.

"Tuesday nights at The Tavern"

Profits from the evening sent to needy causes

The Tavern on the Square, located in the heart of New Wilmington, is getting ready to serve dinner and help local benefits.

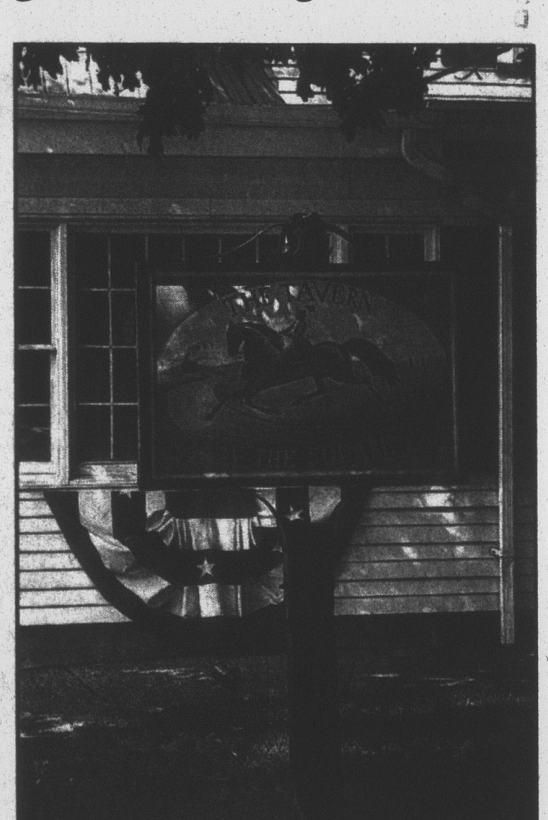
The Tavern's plan, which started on December 6th, is to support a different charity or benefit fund each month. A portion of all profits made on Tuesdays, after 5pm, will be donated to the cause of the month.

"We want to give back to the community and decided this would be a great opportunity," Executive Chef and General Manager Joseph Colantuono said. "It will be nice for our customers to know that they are a part of the support and contributions."

The Tavern's proceeds from each Tuesday in December will be donated to a memorial fund for a New Wilmington crossing guard, Jim Birney who recently passed away from brain cancer. The Tavern is planning to donate January's proceeds to the Prioletti family, who recently lost their house and a child in a fire. The staff at The Tavern is looking forward to the upcoming Tuesdays and hopes the community will help them support the benefits and charities.

The Tavern has also been trying to appeal to the college student's as well. With their new special, two dinners for $20 Monday through Thursday night, they are hoping that they will see an increased interest in student customers.

"I know it's hard for college students to eat out all of the time, but knowing that a portion of my bill will be going to a needy cause will make the dinner out even more meaningful," senior Erin O'Donnell said.



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The Tavern will be donating proceeds in December to the Birney family and in January to the Prioletti family.

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December 9, 2005

Campus Ministry Christmas Open House

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel – Wallace Memorial Chapel

6:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Slippery Rock (H)

7:00 PM "Tis the Season" Planetarium Show – Hoyt 116

7:30 PM Senior Voice Recital: Darci Kuhlber, alto – Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Brothers Grimm – MCC Mueller Theater

8:00 PM CPC Presents: Dan Ahdoot, Comedian – MCC Club/Lounge

10:00 PM Shaded Gray Concert – MCC Berlin Student Lounge

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The 40 Year Old Virgin – MCC Mueller Theater

December 10, 2005

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Kappa Delta Officer Transition Retreat – MCC Witherspoon Maple

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM College Bowl – MCC Club/Lounge

1:00 PM Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Bethany (H)

2:00 PM Women's Basketball at Pitt-Greensburg

3:00 PM Football Banquet -- MCC Witherspoon Rooms

3:00 PM "Tis the Season" Planetarium Show – Hoyt 116

3:00 PM Senior Trumpet and Voice Recital: Cyndi Mancini, trumpet; Doug Spiri, baritone – Wallace Memorial Chapel

4:00 PM Men's Basketball at Pitt-Greensburg

7:00 PM "Tis the Season" Planetarium Show – Hoyt 116

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The 40 Year Old Virgin – MCC Mueller Theater

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Night Owl Bowling (two vans) – MCC Entrance, Shaw Hall Side

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Brothers Grimm – MCC Mueller Theater

December 11, 2005

1:00 PM Omicron Delta Kappa Initiation – Old Main Tower Room

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Brothers Grimm – MCC Mueller Theater

3:45 PM Christmas Vespers Parent Reception and Dinner – MCC Witherspoon and Carlson Atrium

7:00 PM Christmas Vespers – Orr Auditorium

7:00 PM "Tis the Season" Planetarium Show – Hoyt 116

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The 40 Year Old Virgin – MCC Mueller Theater

December 12, 2005

Classes End

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Galbreath Hall Christmas Party – Galbreath Hall Lobby

9:00 PM Monday Night Football: New Orleans Saints vs. Atlanta Falcons – MCC Club

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night – MCC Club/Lounge

December 13, 2005

Reading Day

11:00 AM Support Staff Christmas Party – MCC Witherspoon

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM Residence Life Staff Christmas Party – MCC Club

5:00 PM Athletic Department Christmas Party – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

December 14, 2005

Finals

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Mathematics Capstone Poster Presentations – MCC Atrium

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM President's Christmas Open House for Community – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

December 15, 2005

Finals

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM President's Christmas Open House for Campus – MCC Witherspoon Rooms

December 16, 2005

Finals

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Physical Plant Christmas Party – MCC Witherspoon Lakeview

5:30 PM Psychology Senior Captstone Presentations – Hoyt 152

December 17, 2005

Finals

6:00 PM Residence Halls Close

6:00 PM McKelvey Campus Center Closes

December 18, 2005

6:00 PM Men's Basketball at Wooster

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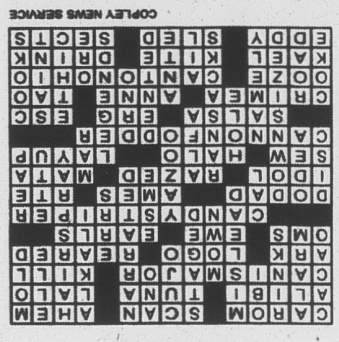

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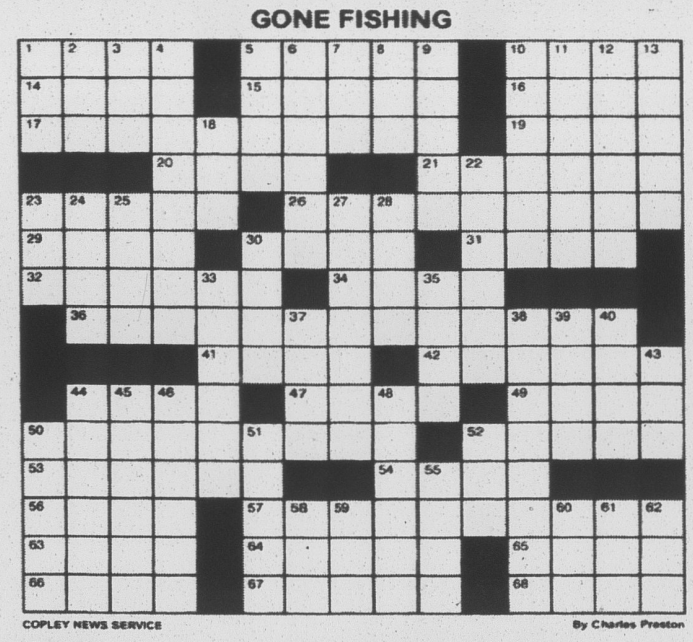

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44 Head warmer?
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51 Below, poetically
52 Pub. submissions
55 Bone prefix
58 Broncos' Tanuvasa
59 Crosstown, at times
60 Make a knight
61 UK award
62 Tyrannosaurus ___

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Pay attention to professional or business matters this week. Communicate your ideas and impress a boss or superior with your wisdom and insight.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Let "adaptable" be your middle name. Keep an open mind, learn to roll with the punches and incorporate change whenever possible.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Worrying about things you cannot control is a waste of energy. Release the blame or guilt that has built up from a mistake from the past.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Expect open, honest and harmonious communication between you and a loved one. Do not hesitate to express your true and deepest heartfelt feelings.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): There is a focus on work or routine duties and responsibilities. Outline a clear and concise plan of action that will lead you to your desired success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You have a lot to learn about love, romance or socializing. Make sure your lessons are easy and enjoyable with the right setting and company.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Harmonious relationships among family members and friends are on tap for you this week. Enjoy spending quality time in pleasant and amiable surroundings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Make it your mission to get your point across as effectively as possible. Share your compassion, thoughts, feelings and opinions with a creative flair.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Although your finances appear to be improving, there is still some work required to get you back in the black. Keep striving toward your fiscal goals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): There is a crowd of people who are clearly in your corner. Put your best foot forward and expect acceptance and support from a variety of colleagues and peers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Inspiration comes through meditation or moments spent in contemplation. Get quiet, go within and listen to your subconscious voice.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Enjoy a heightened level of communication among your friends. Do not be surprised by how often someone speaks up and completes you.

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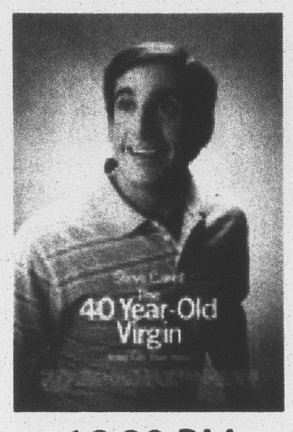
Movies Playing @ Mueller Theater



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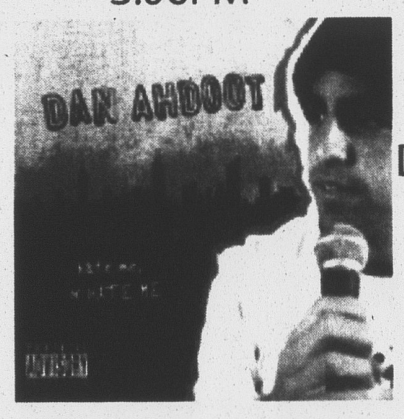

FRIDAY!
Dan Ahdoot
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SATURDAY!
Night Owl Bowling
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Mueller Theater
Meet in front of MCC
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FRIDAY!
Shaded Gray Concert
10:00 pm
Club Room/ Berlin Lounge

Late Night
Mon-Tue-Thurs
10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
The Club Room

MONDAY Night Football!
9:00pm Club Room

Finals at
the Club Room
Dec. 13-16
9:30- 2 am

COMING SOON...

Check the On-line Calendar for all the up to date information

Jan. 21 Titan's Tavern
Jan. 27 Texas Holdem
Feb. 10 Mardi Gras
Feb. 24 Jazz Concert
Mar. 3-5 Lil Sib's Weekend

FEATURES

'Tis the Season to be *Grumpy???*

Amanda Hauger
Features Editor

As most of us know, women are quite hormonal. You know the scene: crying for no reason, biting your head off for no reason, practically anything that doesn't make sense in this world can be blamed on some random hormonal outburst.

Well my hormonal readers, what you may not know is the fact that men have hormonal outbursts too! Yes it is true. I wouldn't make up such a lie so close to Christmastime.

Although women have for a long time had a bad rap with hormones, it's true that men suffer from these ungodly bursts of joy as well. I started investigating this topic after a slew of emails between my dad and I ended with me calling him the 'Grinch.' Bah humbug!

Typically my dad gets very depressed during the holidays. All these year's I thought it was some type of full moon dilemma that caused him to morph into a holiday downer, but perhaps now I can blame it on hormones.

According to Sam Graci, nutritional researcher and author of the new book, *The Food Connection: The Right Food at the Right Time*, men have hormones too! And a man's hormones can be affected by what he puts into his mouth.

Most men think of food as just that- a tasty treat to tie them over between football quarters, but Graci says that food can affect men and their moods. According to Graci, as men age, their testosterone levels are depleted and replaced with higher estrogen levels (case in point- you just happen to see your dad watching a Cottonelle commercial and weeping at the sight of baby's bottoms and mumbling something about you not being his 'little girl' anymore). You get the idea.

But for all of you men who feel neglected by the features page- guess what? It's your time to shine!

So how can you men avoid those nasty mood swings? Graci says it's as simple as watching what you eat. Chocolate, caffeine and sugar-filled cookies cause insulin levels to rise, sending your hormones into a frenzy. Steer clear of these.

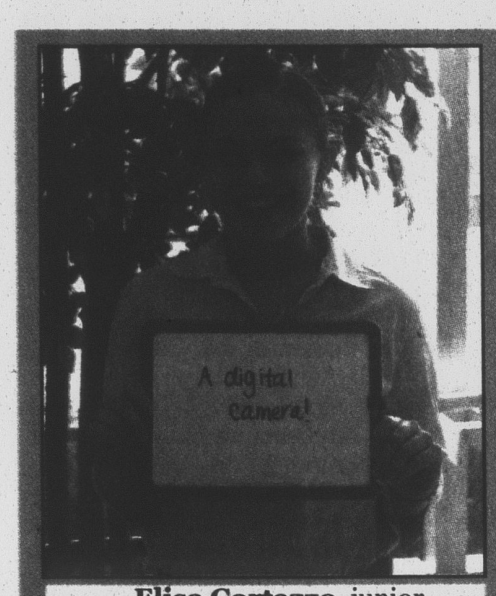
News Canada suggests a few tips. Keep a balanced diet of 23 minerals and vitamins and organic, nutrient-rich food. Soy products can also help keep hormones in balance as well. Try lifting some weights. Resistance training, especially earlier in the day, can stimulate testosterone production. And try to get at least eight hours of sleep each night. Sleep is your friend, give in to it.

In conclusion, I am pleased to have warned you ladies out there about these hormonal men. The next time you see your guy friend or father throwing a fit, make him a turkey sandwich on wheat bread- trust me, it will work.

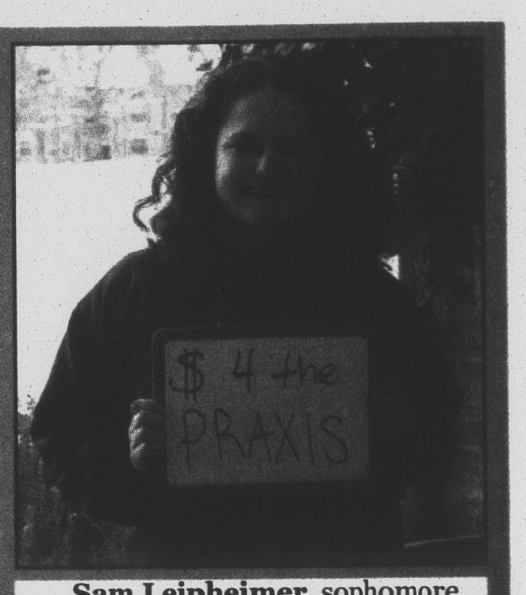
Amanda is a senior broadcast communications major. Her hormones were jumping during the writing of this article, and for that, she apologizes. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Be safe and see you next year...:)

Question of the Week:

What do you want most for Christmas?

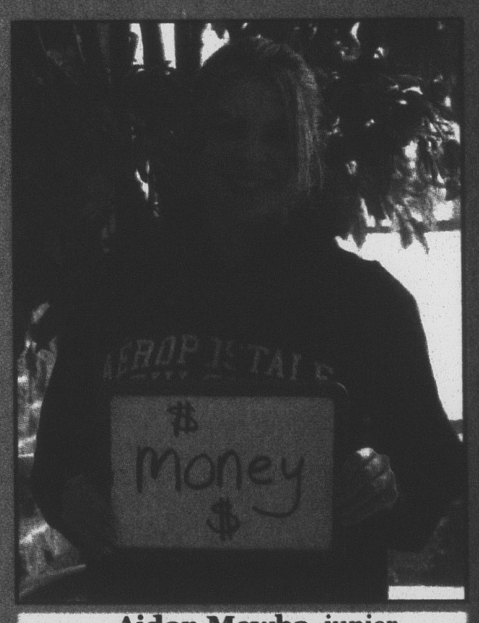


Elisa Cortazzo, junior



Sam Leipheimer, sophomore

Katie Hilliard, sophomore



Aidan Mewha, junior

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Get Your Knit On

Natalie explains this new trend

Natalie Coccia
A&E Writer

What does Julia Roberts, Cameron Diaz, Winona Ryder, and Will Forte of SNL all have in common? Well, except for the fact that they are loaded, they also all knit. The craft of knitting has expanded out of your grandmother's living room and into a younger generation. The 2000's has brought back the old tradition of knitting and transformed it into the newest rave.

Women as well as men are discovering the relaxing craft once again. Freshmen, Jenna Brizzi and Sara Lucente, brought their knitting to the SGA Christmas Party that was held on Monday. Lucente taught her entire hall to knit and has been knitting herself for three years. On the other hand, Brizzi just learned a mere two weeks ago, but is already working on her second scarf. "The only thing that's hard is that sometimes it [the scarf] turns out a little crooked," commented Brizzi. Nikki Natiello was one of the lucky few who also learned to knit on Lucente's Mirrors Hall knitting party. "It was good fun and a lot of people have continued to knit," said Natiello.

Knitting may look difficult, but after completing your first piece, you will find it is a piece of cake. Nancy Griffin is the owner of The Otter Creek Store, located in Mercer. She opened the business 18 years ago to pursue her love for knitting on a more professional level.

"I am totally addicted to making socks," says Griffin. Not only does her store carry the largest selection of imported and domestic knitting yarns in Midwestern Pennsylvania, she will also provides help, advice, and classes to anyone interested.

The craft of knitting has exploded over the past two years and knitter support groups and clubs can be found just about anywhere. The Otter Creek Store offers a "Stitch and Bitch" group every Thursday of the month. This is a chance for knitters to show off their work, exchange patterns, or learn something new.

Do not limit yourself to thinking knitting is only the new rave for women, because men have also started picking up a pair of needles. "One guy knitter is a farmer and he even has great big hands," said Griffin. Vogue Magazine offers a men's knitting issue called Knit 1. Biographies of men who knit are featured in the off-shoot zine.

"It is very popular for men to knit even...we only have one issue of the magazine left," said Griffin.

If you have a love for knitting, fun books to check out include the first and second editions of Celebrity Scarves. Not only do the books offer designs from some of Hollywood's biggest stars, proceeds go towards breast cancer research. David Arquette and Dakota Fanning are just two hotties featured within their pages.

This season we will see even more ladies and gentlemen getting their knit on. Not only do handmade knit scarves make great accessories, they make even better Christmas presents. For more information, visit The Otter Creek Store at www.ottercreekstore.com or vogueknitting.com.

Natalie Coccia is a junior media art major with a PR minor. She plans on knitting up a storm over winter break.

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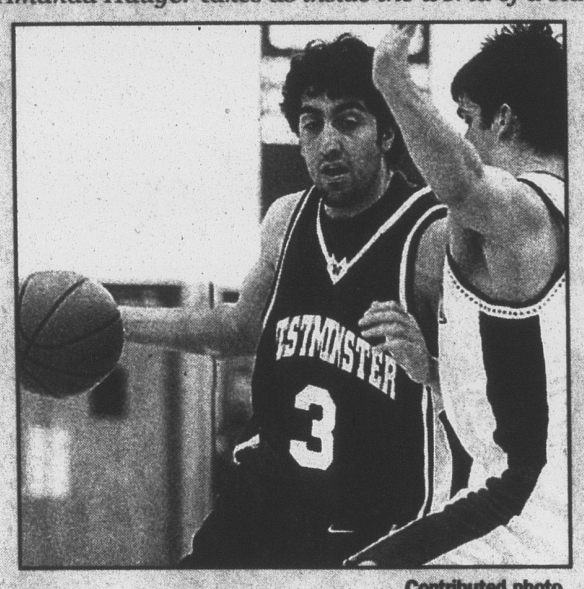
Q & A with one lucky senior
Titan Eye Candy

Amanda Hauger takes us inside the world of a student who is mending a 'broken heart'



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When I first got to the hospital, they told me they thought I had a heart attack. At first I was scared, but then I started laughing because I was thinking "How could I have had a heart attack at age 22?"

Dom Joseph

Dom Joseph is one student who has a lot to be thankful for this holiday season. Just weeks ago, this New Castle native and star basketball player suffered from a viral infection in his heart.

The infection is called myocarditis and according to the U.S. National Library of Medicine, it is an inflammation of the heart muscle. The heart muscle becomes weakened, causing symptoms similar to those of heart failure, which may mimic those of a heart attack. Some patients, although treated, have permanent heart failure from the infection. Luckily for Dom, he is expected to make a full recovery.

Dom is not only a business administration major, but also a well-known student on campus, particularly to those interested in sports. For the past two years, Dom has been one of the college's leading scorers and crowd favorites as a member of the Titan basketball team. His basketball days have been put on hold, however, as he is still recovering from the infection.

Dom explains that it all started one night when he ate a lot of his mother's homemade macaroni and cheese and started to experience chest pain. Thinking it was merely heartburn, he went to bed. The next day the pain was more intense and he called his parents. His father told him to go to the hospital, but Dom thought he'd just see if the pain would go away.

"All day the pain was pretty bad in the left side of my chest and it just felt like something was squeezing me," Dom said.

Finally, at 2 a.m., realizing something was really wrong, he drove himself to Jameson Hospital.

At the emergency room, Dom was immediately admitted and the doctors started running tests.

"When I first got to the hospital, they told me they thought I had a heart attack," Dom explained. "At first I was scared, but then I started laughing because I was thinking 'How could I have had a heart attack at age 22?'"

Three tests showed that Dom had experienced a heart attack, but doctors weren't buying the results. They decided to send him by ambulance to Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh for more tests. His father rode with him in the ambulance and his mother met the two in Pittsburgh at 6 a.m.

"Out of everyone, my mom was the most calm about everything," Dom said.

While in the hospital, doctors determined Dom had myocarditis and began treating him accordingly. While he was there, Dom received many visitors.

"Ryan Hauck came and visited me as well as Coach Ondako and Coach Kerr. They've all been pretty thoughtful," Dom said.

Although he still has a way to go in order to make a full recovery, Dom's hoping to be back on the basketball court as early as next semester.

"I think I'll finally be alright when I can play basketball again," he said. "Then I'll know I'm really better."

Until then, this humble senior will continue to take five pills a day and get as much rest as he can. Dom will return to campus next year and continue to play basketball for the Titans. Currently, he is unable to participate in physical activity for six months and he has a medical excuse from classes.

"My friends help me out with my classes," Dom explained. "They've been carrying me a bit."

It's no doubt that Dom will definitely be extra appreciative this Christmas season.

"This whole experience makes me take some things more seriously now," he said.

Each week, TITAN EYE CANDY spotlights a student who has done something unique or survived a serious crisis in his or her life.